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Shamir, Netanyahu push peace plan

By JTA & JPFS

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir swung through the U.S. and Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Ottawa last week to win support for Shamir's newly unveiled peace proposal (CJN April 13), which they say offers a permanent solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Netanyahu met for two hours with representatives of the External Affairs department and the Prime Minister's Office during which he briefed the Canadian officials on the recent initiative. He also took the opportunity to express his "deep regret" concerning Canada's recent decision to upgrade contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization and recognize a Palestinian right to self-determination, said Gershon Zohar, charge de'affaires at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

The gist of the meeting, however, centred on Shamir's initiative, with Netanyahu asking for Canadian support for it, Zohar said.

The Canadian participants, which included Raymond Chretien, the deputy minister for external affairs, and Ernest Hebert, the assistant secretary to the cabinet in charge of foreign and defence policy, gave their "attentive interest" and expressed appreciation for the update, Zohar told The CJN's Paul Lungen.

For official details of Shamir plan, see page 7.

Meanwhile Shamir, speaking before Jewish audiences in the U.S., expanded on the four points of his peace plan.

- First, he said, the state of war between Israel and the Arab countries must be ended through peace negotiations.
- Second, the signatories to the Camp David Accords should meet "to review the

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LICKING THE TOURIST PROBLEM

Tourists in Israel spend much of their time on the shores of the country's four seas, the Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and the Red Sea. This series of Israeli stamps commemorates the state's achievements in promoting tourism at these popular attractions.

Palestinians wary of direct elections

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Palestinians have responded to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the territories with deep skepticism, but less than total rejection.

Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem daily Al-Fajr, said that elections in the territories, as proposed by Shamir recently in Washington, would not lead to a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Elections might come later on, when there is a dialogue between the government of Israel and the PLO," said Siniora, who has insisted that only the Palestine Liberation Organization can represent the Palestinians.

Shamir has repeatedly ruled out Israeli talks with the PLO, and Palestinians have refused to accede to his desire to find alternati[redacted] are saying [redacted] others who speak similarly are articulating only the opening Palestinian position. Israeli leaders hope the United States will pressure the PLO to soften its stand on the issue.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told the weekly cabinet meeting that Palestinians in the territories have every objective reason to end the status quo. Therefore, he suggested, they will come to reason and take the necessary steps that will lead to comprehensive peace.

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Canada joins 4 other countries

War criminals agreement reached

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Canada has joined four other countries in adopting a statement promising to assist each other in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice.

Following meetings recently in Washington, officials from justice ministries and police investigation units from Canada, the United States, Australia, Britain and the Soviet Union issued a joint statement expressing their intent to aid each other in seeking out and prosecuting war criminals.

The agreement marks the first time since World War II that these nations got together to discuss a strategy dealing with war criminals, Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said.

News of the agreement was carried by the Soviet newspaper Pravda, a copy of which was given to The CJN by Congress. The article lauds the breakthrough in the Western attitude of cooperation with the Soviet Union in the hunt for Nazi war criminals.

It also referred to future bilateral and multilateral meetings between the parties to further the process of punishing Nazi war criminals.

RCMP superintendant Donald Maas, the officer in charge of war crimes investigations for the federal police, confirmed the Washington agreement. He said it followed "an excellent meeting to discuss the practical side of things."

Canada, he noted, already enjoys a memorandum of understanding with the Soviet Union and other states allowing Canadian investigators to gather information, check archives and interview witnesses. "This is a follow up to the memorandum of understanding," he said.

The Washington meeting was called after the various countries decided to discuss "where we go from here," he added.

Though he declined to divulge details of the agreement, Maas confirmed it involved the exchange of information between war crimes investigators. "We held discussions as to how we could assist each other wherever possible, in conformity with each country's legal systems."

Farber, director of research for Congress, speculated it could mean investigators will obtain access to the other's files, so they will not have to go over the same ground twice.

It is especially important for Western countries, because it will make it easier to obtain information from the Soviet Union, which was the site of many war crimes, he added.

Leader of Gush Emunim charged with killing of Arab

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a leader of the militant Gush Emunim settlers group, was charged last week with the killing last fall of an Arab resident of Hebron.

Levinger was charged in the Jerusalem district court with manslaughter, sabotage and intentionally causing damage to property. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to more than 20 years in prison.

Levinger is the leader of a group of Jews who have settled in the middle of the heavily Arab city of Hebron. The incident in questioned occurred Sept. 30, as Levinger and his family were driving through Hebron on their way to Jerusalem.

As the car entered the centre of town, a rock was thrown at the vehicle, smashing its windshield. The driver, Levinger's son, continued driving until they reached an army checkpoint. There they reported the incident to the soldiers and asked them to call for reinforcements.

While waiting for the reinforcements to arrive, Palestinian youths began stoning the checkpoint. The indictment charges that Levinger responded by drawing his Baretta gun and shooting two to three bullets in the air.

After shooting in the air, Levinger allegedly started walking down the street and began shooting toward shops and street stands full of customers.

He hit Kayed Salah, 42, a shoe store owner who at the time of the incident was standing outside his shop showing shoes to a potential customer, Ibrahim Bali, who was also wounded. Salah later died of his wounds.

U.S. defence secretary meets with Jewish leaders

NEW YORK (JTA) — In his first meeting with Jewish leaders since taking office as defence secretary, Dick Cheney has declared himself to be pleased with the level of military and strategic cooperation with Israel.

Cheney held a 1-hour meeting with World Jewish Congress leaders, including Edgar Bronfman, president; Israel Singer, secretary-general; and Elan Steinberg, executive director of the organization.

Steinberg said the meeting was a general discussion of political and strategic affairs with a particular focus on East-West relations and the Middle East.

He said Cheney was especially interested in the WJC leaders' observations on changes in Eastern Europe.

Steinberg said the delegation met with Cheney "as American citizens and concerned Jews who obviously have a special concern for the position of Israel and its relation to the United States."

Discussing his recent talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Cheney told them he was "pleased with these talks and indicated that the level of aid (to Israel) for the forthcoming year will remain where it is, despite the mandate for spending reductions in the defence department," Steinberg said.

He told the group he was looking forward to meeting soon with his Israeli counterpart, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is expected in the United States in May.

Steinberg said the talks also included "discussion of the developing changes in the Soviet Union and how it affects American policy."

Chief Sephardi Rabbi visits cemetery in Syria

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Kiryat Malachi, Rabbi Chaim Pinto, visited Syria secretly several weeks ago and paid a visit to the grave of his forefathers in Damascus, the daily newspaper Yediot Acharonot reported last week.**

Pinto himself said a relative of his, a Moroccan citizen, visited Syria recently, but refused to confirm that he had joined him.

Yediot Acharanot reported that the rabbi left Israel for Europe several weeks ago, met there with the relative and joined him in his private plane in a flight to Damascus.

While in Syria, Pinto reportedly visited the grave of Rabbi Yoshiyahu Pinto, a family relative, and then met with local Jews.

No further details were available.

Saudi Arabian doctor attends meet in Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **A gynecologist from Saudi Arabia attended the recent world congress on in-vitro fertilization (IVF) in Jerusalem, but the organizers decided to publicize the fact only after he had left for home.**

The Saudi doctor was not named, and no other details were revealed except that he had arrived on a British passport and did not present a lecture but did attend many sessions.

Participants also came from other countries that do not have diplomatic relations with Israel, like North Korea, Indonesia, China and India.

A total of 1,400 doctors, researchers and other professionals from 42 countries attended the week-long congress, which is held in a different country every two years and is considered the most prestigious in the field of IVF.

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Important to play by the rules

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

For the last while I have watched the debate over Israeli policies from the side lines. I do not presume to know what is right or wrong for Israel's leaders to do under enormously difficult circumstances, but neither do I apply Patrick Henry's dictum, "Right or wrong, my country." There is a line of religion and morality at which I draw the line.

Rabbi Plaut

However, in case of doubt I will support Israel's government, for it represents the electoral will of Israel's people. I am free to like or dislike its actions, but unless there are fundamental higher issues at stake (which many do indeed believe to be present) I will follow the talmudic advice, shav ve'al ta'asseh, which I will here broadly render as "Wait until you are absolutely sure."

Does this mean to stifle debate on the subjects at issue? No. On the contrary, we need a vigorous sharing of opinions, and this is really what today's column is all about. Unfortunately, we have forgotten the fundamentals of debate.

Respect other side

It means first and foremost that I respect the purposes of the other side. If the person with whom I am discussing, say, the treatment of the Arab population in Israel, I should remind myself that I am not the only one who loves Israel but that my opponent too is possessed of that same love. And further, I must listen, which may end up to reinforce my own point of view. It may and then, it may not. I may even learn something and, perish the thought, change my mind. (That of course is scary and is one of the reasons why we are so resistant to real dialogue. It reminds me of the old saw, "My mind's made up; so please don't confuse me with the facts.") In any case I will find out that there are debatable arguments different from my own.

Whenever I can, therefore, I make it my business to listen to speakers who present opinions other than my own, from Peace Now to Likud and beyond. But what I hear is often rife with rank intolerance toward other Jews, to say nothing of the outside world. The right wing considers the left as near-traitorous and unconcerned with Jewish survival. The left retaliates and thinks that the right has no moral sense and no intellectual credibility.

Poor argument

It's bad enough that there is so little dialogue among various religious wings, which adherents usually excuse on the basis that fundamentals of belief do not permit of compromise. (It is a poor argument, but I will not explore it today.)

It is even worse when similar attitudes prevail in *secular* political matters, which should be open to disagreement, but where opponents are not taken seriously as worthy debating partners.

In this respect the left is as guilty as the right. Take Norman Podhoretz's lead article in the March issue of Commentary Magazine. It is called "Lament from the Future," and speaks from a 21st century perspective. It laments the demise of Israel and asks why it happened. The answer: Because it allowed the Arabs to establish a state on the West Bank and in Gaza, and because the Jews of the world and the democracies did nothing to prevent it.

One may wish to counter Podhoretz and prove him wrong, but one may not dismiss him as a fool.

On the other side I hear snide remarks about Abba Eban. Forgotten are the accolades that were accorded to him but yesterday and the pride that Jews took in his defence of Israel's interests. Today, when he advocates negotiations with the PLO and giving up land for peace he is scorned as someone who has lost either his marbles or his way, or both.

So let's talk and do it with respect. Sniping at each other will not promote a secure and healthy Israel.

Shamir's convictions deeply rooted

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — In January, 1943, Yitzhak Yzertinsky (later Shamir) was in a minority, within a minority, within a minority. Almost alone, facing hostility from all sides, against overwhelming odds, Shamir succeeded in putting the Lehi underground (Lohamei Herut Yisrael, Fighters for Israel's Freedom, also known as the Stern Gang) together again.

After his escape from the Mizra detention centre near Acre, a disguised Yzertinsky made his way to Haifa, posing as a Polish officer, and from there to Tel Aviv, and from there to the orange groves.

Several months earlier, Lehi's founder, Avraham Yair Stern, had been gunned down in a Tel Aviv apartment by the dreaded British CID. Lehi operations were at a standstill — its leaders arrested, its arms caches uncovered, its newspapers defunct. Everyone was against Lehi — the British authorities, the Jewish minority in the Mandate, the Haganah, and even the Irgun underground which at that time still clung to the maxim of its patron, Ze'ev Jabotinsky, against fighting the British.

In the orange groves, Shamir put his proved operational skills to work. He webbed together the clandestine apparatus which the British already considered dead and gone. That year, 1943, saw the spectacular Lehi escape from Latrun, the reorganization of its cells, and the revival of its spirit and determination. Very soon, British police inspectors were once again gunned down in the streets.

Three unique traits of Shamir's personality played a major role in the reconstruction of Lehi: deep conviction, absolute resoluteness, and an overriding suspicion of everyone and everything. He was 28 years old at the time.

External circumstances may have undergone a dramatic change since then. Shamir's crystal-hard edges have been softened in the ensuing years. But the core remains the same.

In the 16 months since the intifada began, Shamir has been under enormous pressure to modify his positions. They are unanimously rejected by the nations of the world, reviled by his formidable rivals at home. Even his closest supporters frequently express frustration with the Prime Minister's adamant refusal to budge. Their concerted efforts have induced a change which is minuscule to outsiders, enormous for the Prime Minister.

In Washington, Shamir agreed for the first time to entertain the possibility of elections in the territories.

Shamir remains suspicious of the Gentiles, of his own rivals, even of many of his supporters. The Palestinians have yet to convince him that they have abandoned their ultimate aim of wiping Israel off the face of the earth. Mere proclamations and statements do nothing to change his beliefs.

The oft-cited example of Egypt fails to sway the Prime Minister. Ten years of peace have not erased his suspicion that Egypt's benevolence is tactical, not strategic. The sight of Egyptian fellahin (peasants) jumping excitedly on the hills near the Sonesta Hotel, shouting "Today Taba, tomorrow Falastin (Palestine)" did not surprise Shamir; and President Hosni Mubarak plays to Shamir's worst apprehensions when he refuses to meet him. "They speak peace, but they mean war," he has been heard to remark.

Former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz was considered, at one time, to be a member of that rare species — the true, non-Jewish friend. Then he spoke to members of the Palestinian National Council, supported an international conference and advocated the return of territories in exchange for peace.

Shamir, who lost his family in the Holocaust and who conducted his fight for the creation of Israel against all odds, will not abandon Israel's fortunes to the Gentiles. He realizes that Israel cannot, at this time, consolidate its legal and formal hold on Eretz Yisrael — which is much smaller than Yair Stern's original vision of the great Israel, running from the Nile to the Euphrates. But he will not, in any circumstances, yield Israel's practical hold on these areas.

There are two schools of thought among the proponents of the whole Land of Israel — the historical school, and the security-minded school. Shamir belongs to both.

Asked about Israel's solitude during a recent interview, Shamir referred to his days in Warsaw, when the whole world appeared to be succumbing to Hitler's Nazidom. "This, too, will pass," he said.

Grandiose plans concocted in Washington about talks on the final settlement which will be achieved in the foreseeable future are bound to run into the impassable wall that is Shamir. At most, he is willing to allow talks on very limited Palestinian self-rule, a prospect of which he is wary but which does not contradict his most basic beliefs.

Predictions of pressure and growing isolation pale when viewed in his historical persecutive. Those who believe otherwise, those who are deterred by momentary difficulties and obstacles, have always been among us. They must not be allowed to prevail.

When Shamir says that Israel is strong, he believes it. And it is a valid point, coming from one who viewed the world as a hunted animal hiding out in an orange grove . . . and then, in the fullness of time, made his long way to the Prime Minister's office.

Issuing his deadly instructions from the depths of the groves, Shamir would softly whisper the powerful Lehi anthem penned by Yair: "We serve our cause for the length of our lives, a service which ends with our breath."

Coddled eggs are one thing; coddled hens, another

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

There is a note inside my egg carton. It is nicely printed, slightly larger than a business card. The message it carries is a formal introduction to what I am about to eat.

"We think you will find the Country Hen very special in regard to: taste, yolk color, the way the yolk stands up and the whites don't run, and in shell strength. Our reasons for these differences are listed on the reverse side."

Dutifully, I turn the card over. There I discover that the chicken-mother of my eggs is a "floor walker in a building with windows." Not only does this hen eat organic feedstuff, but she eats marigold petals and alfalfa, fish meal and oyster shells.

Of course, I am delighted to get to know my egg donor up close and personal, although alas, there is no photo. I am happy that she is leading a life far healthier than my own windowless office existence. I am glad she is dining, California style, on flowers, and getting the proper amount of exercise.

But looking down at the eight brown eggs before me I don't wonder whether they are good for me to eat. I wonder if I am good enough to eat them. If so, would my country hen prefer that I scramble or fry them? Shouldn't she have some say in the matter?

As I crack two of the floor walker's offspring into a bowl, I divine a decidedly unhappy trend in the very yellow yolks. I am being encouraged to become intimately acquainted with lifestyle and family of the things I devour. This violates a fundamental rule of life. Never eat anything that has a name.

By now you have figured out that I shop at one of those earthy places where the foods are marked with small placards detaining the farming practices and the overall condition of the acre upon which each navel orange grew up. It is a store that offers, if nothing else, a cornucopia of information.

Indeed, I have been waiting to find a personal footnote in the avocado bin: "John and Josie grew these very avocados on their small organic farm in California. The couple, who met at UC-Berkeley in 1970, use their own compost and would like you to know that their youngest boy, Sam, planted this row of avocado trees in solidarity with the people of El Salvador."

But I never expected that I would be moving toward a cuisine in which each lamb roast would come certified as to how much Farmer Mary loved it. That each egg would carry a testimonial about the happiness of its parent at the moment of delivery.

I, too, am leery of chemicals and squeamish about factory farming. Yet I have the sense that the advent of friendly farming will get out of hand. We are entering an era when the very best people will only eat food that's been well-bred, hand-raised, indeed, scratched behind the ears. Purveyors to the finest will be required to prove that they were kind and caring to all the little piggies who went to market.

It does not take much of an imagination to see where this is leading. "This flank steak comes from Bessie who was hand-raised by the Johnsons after a difficult labor. Bessie spent her first year of life frolicking around the crystal-clear pond behind the Johnson's Vermont house where she became a favorite of Pearl Johnson, who always slipped her the finest of grains."

Will the restaurants that now wheel raw platters of meat and fish for our choosing, bring along testimonials about how well each item was brought up? Will our leather shoes require a certificate proving that the animals were all volunteers?

I know where you think this is heading: toward vegetarianism. But sliced tomatoes are said to scream, and even zucchini may need a certificate attesting to a happy summer in the sun before they were killed with kindness.

The truth is that I don't want to get any closer to my food. It is bad enough to have to know the cholesterol content of eggs, the country of origin of grapes, the chemical content of apples. I do not want to feel responsible for the workplace conditions and psychological profile of my dinner.

Pass me two more eggs. Crack Them. Cook Them. Eat Them. Just don't tell their mama.

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Was Israel's super snoop for 15 years

U.S. the beneficiary in spy business, says Harel

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Meeting Isser Harel for the first time presents something of a surprise. To look at the compact, wiry, 77-year-old, one would think him more likely a tailor or shopkeeper rather than someone who tends to the security concerns of the State of Israel.

Yet for 15 years, Harel did just that as Israel's master spy, first heading Shin Bet, the country's internal security organization and then adding Mossad, Israel's famed external intelligence service.

Today, Harel eschews use of the word "spy." He prefers to say he was involved in "intelligence craft."

And true to his craft, Harel is still tight-lipped about most of the operations he conceived and ran, and he refuses to comment about policy questions facing Israel today.

Harel was in Toronto recently where he addressed the New Leadership group of State of Israel Bonds, as well as the Young Builders and Construction division and a meeting of the committee organizing a tribute dinner for Sabina Citron, founder of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Earlier he visited New York to accept The Raoul Wallenberg Award from the Raoul Wallenberg Pediatric Day Hospital of Shaare Zedek, given to those helping find or prosecute Nazi war criminals.

In a lunchtime address in north Toronto, Harel said the United States has received more intelligence information from Israel than the other way around, going back to the days when U.S.-Israeli ties were not nearly as strong as they are today.

In 1956, the U.S. almost broke off relations with the Jewish state after the Sinai campaign — but still was quick to ask Israel for access to Soviet arms captured from Egypt.

Israel began as early as 1951 to supply the U.S. with information. "It was one-sided," he said, "but we continued it with the hope they would acknowledge us as a trustworthy, helpful ally."

Information transfer was begun in 1951, at the height of the Cold War. Since the U.S. then did not want to compromise its relations with Arab states by receiving Israeli information about the Middle East, "you can see what sphere the information focused on," he suggested.

(In fact, Israel is known to have supplied the U.S. with a text of Soviet leader Nikita Khruschev's denunciation of Stalin at a 1956 Communist Party conference.)

Turning his attention to the case of Jonathan Pollard, the Jewish American naval intelligence officer who passed U.S. secrets to Israel, Harel said he tells Americans and Canadians not to embark on similar ventures. In his day, there were no Israeli "spies" working in the U.S., he said, and he has opposed such operations.

If you want to work for Israel, do so as loyal Americans and Canadians, he added.

Harel, who founded Shin Bet in 1948 and took over Mossad in 1952, said the capture of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was the most important operation he ordered, though it was not the most complex.

It was important in terms of its "historical aspects" in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice in Israel, he said.

Harel, while in the U.S., entered into the midst of a controversy over the 1960 capture of Eichmann, the Nazi officer/bureaucrat responsible for many aspects of the Holocaust.

A television documentary set to air about the life of Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal was the catalyst. Home Box Office is crediting Wiesenthal with locating Eichmann — claims also contained in two books penned by Vienna-based Nazi-hunter.

Harel, who headed Mossad at the time it captured the war criminal, said Wiesenthal "had nothing to do with Eichmann — neither with the capture, location or any information."

Isser Harel

It was the first time Harel has gone on record with such remarks.

Wiesenthal rebutted Harel's statement, saying "My book about the Eichmann affair was published in 1961, in Hebrew. Why has Mr. Harel kept silent?"

Wiesenthal pointed out that in 1947, through investigations into witnesses' backgrounds, he was able to disprove claims Eichmann was dead.

However, Eichmann was captured 13 years later, and according to a report by JTA, Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that just before Israeli agents captured Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Wiesenthal was placing him in Japan or Saudi Arabia.

Looking further back into Israeli intelligence exploits, Harel recalls that even as far back as 1948, it was providing crucial information.

At the time, "we dug a tunnel" to a telephone cable system serving Jaffa and the area south of Tel Aviv, tapped into it, and listened in on British conversations.

Overheard was "much strategic and tactical information," he said, including a British officer's conversation with Arab agents, telling the latter the time British forces would abandon a major base in the centre of the country.

"So we got there earlier and took the base," Harel said.

In those days, intelligence relied overwhelmingly on the human element. "Electronics were not developed like today."

Instead agents were recruited and their files — whether from school, university, army service — were thoroughly investigated. They then underwent training "to see how they'd react under duress."

Most of those recruited were not Jewish, he said, but they believed the security of Israel was very important and they understood the problems the Jewish state faced.

"It's a science to find the right person."

For 11 years, from 1952-63, Harel headed both Mossad and Shin Bet, maintaining the policy that the secret services were to operate within the law and subordinate to the political echelon.

He resigned his post following a disagreement with the government over the question of the German scientists aiding Egyptian dictator Gamel Nasser in building rockets aimed at Israel.

From 1969-74 Harel served as member of the Knesset as well as advisor on intelligence matters and special operations for Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

He has written 10 books on intelligence and security matters, including The House on Garibaldi Street, the s[redacted] capt[redacted]

His most recent book, entitled Security and Democracy, and deals with the ethical aspects of secret services in democracies.

Indians compare Negev with northern BC

BEERSHEBA —

As unlikely as it sounds, native Indians in the northern reaches of British Columbia and residents of the Negev in Israel have something in common.

That was one of the revelations coming out of a recent visit by Canadian Indians to Israel. A 5-man delegation of tribal leaders from the Kitksan-Wet'suwen Tribal Council spent two weeks studying Israeli agriculture and industrial cooperatives.

The trip was organized through the Canadian embassy and Israeli foreign ministry.

What bound them together was desert. During a 2-day visit at the Negev-based Ben-Gurion University, the Indians' curiosity was particularly piqued by the topographical challenges common to Indians and Israelis.

BGU professor Yehuda Gradus pointed out the Negev's intricacies to the council, who commented on the fact that their desert was a "cold" one but generally shared the same arid qualities.

The head of the group even bought three Israeli atlases to bring home.

The day before at BGU, the council took a particular interest in "greenhouse technology" research being carried out by Moshe Zeroni at the university's Blaustein Institute for Desert Research. The technology could prevent frost damage and be a boon to the Indians by extending the growing season.

The council also visited the Avdat Experimental Farm with its fish-breeding tanks, toured the Habsor ostrich and camel farm and and were given a quick course in algae hothouses at the Boyko Institute.

But the Israeli accompanying the natives during their stay already knew them well:

Hebrew University doctoral student Boaz Zairi had lived with the tribe for four years in Canada and recently was awarded a Canadian government grant to carry on his native studies. The other grant recipient was BGU researcher Michael Oren.

Prayers urged for Syrians

TORONTO —

The community has been asked by Canadian Jewish Congress' national task force for Syrian Jews to include a special prayer at Passover seders for Jews forced to remain in Syria.

The task force also reminds the community that six Jewish prisoners in Damascus have been incarcerated for 15 months without charges or trials, and two of them, Eli and Selim Swed, have not been seen or heard from since their arrests.

The prayer, which follows, should be recited after the kiddush at both seders:

Merciful G-d, on this night of Passover, our thoughts turn to the bitter plight of our brethren in Syria who have been robbed of their physical and spiritual freedom and whose daily lot is of oppression.

May it be Thy will, our Father in Heaven, as Thou hast brought forth our forefathers from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, may Thy abundant mercy reach our brethren in Syria. Bring this remnant of the Jewish people to the soil of a free country. Reward them, oh Lord, with celebration of the Passover as prescribed by religious law.

Next year in freedom. Amen.

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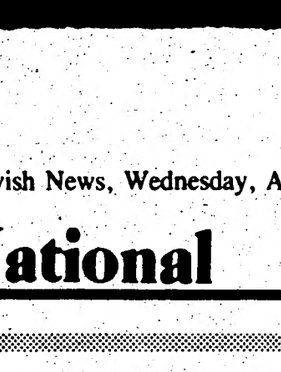
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: I have heard it said that the sale of chometz by rabbis is not kosher. The Gentile views his purchase as something of a joke, and knows that it will be bought back from him as soon as the Passover is over. What kind of a sale is this? — Name withheld.


Rabbi Burak

ANSWER: It is not wise to question the time-hallowed customs of Jewish life. They have already been tested and approved by our finest heads. Centuries ago, our brightest scholars studied the shetar mechiras chometz, the bill of sale for disposing of the chometz before Passover. Successive generations of Gaonim refined it, and approved it.

The Chassam Sofer, in his responsa, O.H. number 113, recounts the history of that shetar. "In Frankfort am Main, my master the Haflaah z.t.l. printed the text of the shetar. And after him, my master and teacher, the Gaon Rabbi Natan Adler Katz z.t.l. made some modifications, and it was printed . . . I made the shetar in German, and it was published by R. Ber Frank in the Seder Hagadah in Vienna (5586). And the Beth Din Tzedek of Prague made some changes in the text, and had it printed in the Prague Haggadah."

If these giants approved of the sale of chometz to a Gentile before the Passover, who dares to question the practice. The argument that it is a fictitious sale is unbecoming in an age when eggs that haven't been laid, and chickens as yet [illegible] on the commodities market.

The sale of chometz to a non-Jew before the Passover is a genuine deal comes out clearly in the she'elah sent to the Gaon, Rabbi Shlomo Kluger z.l., concerning the man who purchased the liquor supply of a small inkeeper. After giving a modest deposit, he was given the key.

During the Passover, the buyer started to drink and drink. And he was generous; he called in his friends to drink with him. The seller faced ruin, and looked to Reb Shlomo for relief. . . .

In the response of the Chassam Sofer, O.H. 113, another kind of challenge was directed at the shetar mechirah. The sage was asked if the document shouldn't be considered invalid, inasmuch as all legal documents in the Austrian empire needed a government stamp in order to be effective.

The Chassam Sofer replied that the government required the stamp only when you wanted to collect a debt. Since this was a form of tax, the kaiser waived it in order not to interfere with our religion and its practices.

In responsum 115, in the same volume, the Chassam Sofer deals with another problem: the chometz was sold to a Gentile at a bargain price. After the Passover, a Jewish person with an eye for a bargain bought the chometz, beating out the original seller. The Chassam Sofer found for the plaintiff.

Thus you see that the sale of chometz to a non-Jew is a sale.

Now in a responsum in a different volume, Y.D. number 310, the Chassam Sofer was asked whether the whole document is not invalidated by the fact that the buyer is doing it as a bit of a joke, rather than as a genuine purchase.

The answer was that as long as the seller was sincere in disposing of it this way, that's all that mattered. In the sale, chometz is removed from Jewish ownership. The Jewish owner regards all leaven products which were formerly his, as no longer belonging to him. He would certainly permit the purchaser to remove the chometz.

Have a happy and kosher Passover, and be confident that when the rav sells your chometz, it is a valid sale.

Hebrew U heading to solvency, board told

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Hebrew University is heading toward solvency after years of heavy deficit spending, the chairman of the university's board of governors said recently.

"This is a watershed year," chairman Harvey Krueger told the trustees at the first plenary session of the annual board meeting. "We are at the beginning of solving our problems."

The university has piled up debts of about $100 million over the past few years and instituted a reform program including cutbacks in staff and research.

University president Amnon Pazy predicted that this year's debts would be about $12 million, down from $20 million the previous year.

Sullies peacemaker image, says Jerusalem

Moscow rapped for bomber sale

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Arye Levin, the Israeli representative in Moscow, has been instructed to formally convey Israel's dismay at the Soviet sale of long-range Sukhoi-24D bombers to Libya, sources in Jerusalem said last week.

They added that Levin's protest would be identical to an official statement by foreign ministry spokesman Alon Liel, who said the sale was causing Israel "deep concern."

Liel expressed "surprise that the Soviet Union, which states that it seeks to relieve situations of confrontation around the world, including the Middle East, is supplying offensive weapons to the regime of Gadhafi, who does not conceal his intentions to attack Israel."

The statement calls on Moscow to "reconsider its policy on this matter."

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens also condemned the sale, saying that it further threatens the stability in the Middle East. He added that the sale does not contribute towards improved relations between Israel and the Soviet Union.

Report of the sale was leaked recently to The New York Times.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — The state department is refusing to confirm or deny a newspaper report that the Soviet Union has sold high-performance bombers and airborne refuelling planes to Libya, enabling its air force for the first time to strike targets in Israel.

But deputy state department spokesman Richard Boucher said that any such sale to Libya "would be a dangerous thing." He added, "We would be concerned about a sale of this kind."

The New York Times quoted unidentified Bush administration officials as saying the Soviet Union had sold Libya as many as 15 supersonic Sukhoi-24D bombers, six of which had already been delivered.

The bombers would be based at Bumbah, an airfield near the northeastern Libyan port of Tobruk, where the two Libyan fighters shot down by the U.S. navy in January were also based.

Boucher described the Sukhoi-240 as a sophisticated weapon.

According to The Times, the bombers can travel 1,610 miles without refueling, more than covering the 1,300-mile round trip from eastern Libya to Israel.

The bombers' maximum traveling distance could be increased by as much as 50% with midair refueling. The Times said the Soviets have agreed to refit a Libyan transport plane, the Soviet Ilyushin-76, so it can be used as an aerial refueler. The Ilyushin-76 can refuel three SU-24s at a time, the paper said.

Secretary of State James Baker will have an opportunity to raise the issue with the Soviets when he meets next month in Moscow with Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

U.S. mum on Iraqi nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Iraq is said to be rushing to develop nuclear weapons, but the state department has refused to confirm or deny newspaper reports to that effect.

The Washington Post recently quoted well-placed Israeli sources as saying Iraq is engaging in a crash program to build nuclear warheads.

The warheads would be deployed on a medium-range, surface-to-surface missile, the Condor-2, that Iraq is developing with Argentina and Egypt, the Post reported.

French, Italian and West German firms are allegedly helping Argentina, Egypt and Iraq develop the Condor-2, in violation of the 7-nation Missile Technology Control Regime of 1987.

That treaty, which the three European countries have signed, prohibits export of components and technology for such missiles, the Post said.

Israeli sources quoted by the paper said the goal was to test and procure the warhead in 2-5 years.

They believe the three countries are trying to develop a nuclear, and not a conventional, missile. This conclusion is based partly on Israeli estimates that the cost of each Condo-2 is $8 million, and that it is capable of carrying warheads as heavy as 1,100 pounds.

State department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher had no reaction when asked about any West German involvement in the project.

"I would caution against drawing any conclusions at this point based on allegations," Boucher said.

"Some of the allegations we may not be in a position to confirm and others we will not confirm," because they could threaten U.S. intelligence sources, he said.

Asked how the United States would view any Israeli military action against the alleged Iraqi nuclear program, he said, "The United States in general opposes any escalation of tensions in the region or resort to military force."

The United States has "no indication that the Israelis are planning anything," he added.

In 1981, the Israeli air force bombed Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor. But 25 pounds of enriched uranium left over from the reactor is being used for a new Iraqi nuclear program, Israeli sources asserted.

The new reactor is allegedly being financed in part by Saudi Arabia with Pakistan providing "limited technical assistance." The Post reported. But Israeli sources told The Post that reconstruction of the reactor has not begun.

Cuba Jews get Passover food

NEW YORK (JTA) — Cuban Jews have received their Pesach food shipments and are ready to celebrate the Jewish holiday, said Dr. Jose Miller, head of the Cuban Jewish community, who appeared last week on a CBS Morning News broadcast from Havana.

CBS News host Harry Smith interviewed Miller as part of the network's coverage of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Cuba.

Smith also spoke to Miller's brother, David, and David's son, Joe, in Miami, as Jose Miller sat at Smith's side.

The Havana surgeon, smiling and laughing, said he had no problems and no desire to leave Cuba.

Nephew Joe said in Miami that he lamented the fact that he could not know his cousins, that "we cannot be in temple together and pray together."

Smith then mentioned that Miller was very active in Jewish affairs, and asked how free it was to worship there.

David Miller, a businessman, said he had seen no future for his business ventures when Fidel Castro came to power.

Jose Miller is president of the Comunidad Hebraica, the Jewish community of Cuba.

He said they had just received the food for Pesach — he used the Hebrew word three times before translating for Smith — and wished the Jews in America a happy Pesach.

The Canadian Jewish community sent Pesach foods to Havana, and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation will send a shipment of wine and shmura matzah direct to Havana from New York.

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Defends upgrading of PLO ties

Canada's support for Israel still firm: Weiner

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Canada's only Jewish cabinet minister defended his government for upgrading ties with the PLO but said the new policy will not alter Canada's "firm" and "unyielding" friendship with the Jewish state.

Secretary of State Gerry Weiner vowed twice at a breakfast meeting of the Shaare Zion Congregation men's club that Canadian commitment to Israel's security and integrity "will not change."

Weiner also defended the Progressive Conservative government's and external affairs Minister Joe Clark's record of support for Israel and advocacy for Jewish causes.

The Pierrefonds-Dollard MP revealed he was personally involved — "working three days until midnight" — in helping to prepare the external affairs announcement to make sure it addressed Canadian Jewish community concerns.

He said Clark made sure to acknowledge these concerns at the press conference announcing the news.

Weiner said "...I made it very clear to Mr. Clark...that the onus must rest on the PLO and its leaders to prove in deed as well as in sometimes ambiguous words that they mean what they say."

Weiner noted the policy has been seen locally and in Israel as a "significant shift" in Canada'a long-standing support.

Weiner acknowledged that the change represents "some movement," but was taken in response to the same statements that led the U.S. to upgrade ties with the PLO.

Weiner added later that Canada could no longer remain "alone among all nations" in being unable to talk with the PLO at the United Nations.

Therefore he "approved and agreed with" the decision.

Weiner stressed that Canada has not recognized the self-proclaimed Palestinian state and the decision to upgrade ties was made "taking (PLO) chairman (Yasser) Arafat at his word" after he recognized Israel and the Palestinian National Council disavowed terrorism.

Move doesn't mean recognition of state

Weiner promised the government would be "vigilant" and "what we have been, what we are and what we will continue to be is Israel's close friend...We will protect and defend and endorse the integrity and independence of the State of Israel forever."

Weiner also came to the government's and Clark's defence when questioned about Clark's controversial Canada-Israel Committee speech last year.

He replied Clark has worked ceaselessly on behalf of Ethiopian, Syrian and Soviet Jewry and it was Clark who first suggested moving the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem.

Canadian-Israeli ties during the PC's 4½-year reign have been bolstered through several initiatives, Weiner said, among them El Al landing rights in Toronto, Canadian peace-keeping forces in the Sinai (requests for which were declined by previous governments), joint Third World projects, and cultural, scientific and commercial activities between the two countries.

It was also under PC leadership that the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada was underaken, Weiner noted.

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Weiner also spoke on racism and on the language debate.

He accepted government blame for failing to deal with "widespread" Canadian racism, including increases in anti-semitism and the fact that two-thirds of Canadians feel race relations are deteriorating.

But Weiner was confident that the situation will improve, citing government initiatives such as the Employment Equity Act, Canadian Multiculturalism Act, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, his department's race relations and cross-cultural understanding program, and the soon-to-be national race relations foundation.

"These structures and mechanisms are only now coming fully into effect for the first time, " he said.

On the language issue, Weiner said he would use his office as secretary of state to enforce the Offical Languages Act — Bill C-72 — and said the principles of multiculturalism have allowed Canada's two main cultures to flourish and retain their distinct Canadian identities.

Weiner criticized the film Disparaitre, which portrays immigrant groups as a threat to French Quebec society.

"The fact that some of us (Jews) come from Morocco and some from Romania does not make us less Jewish. The fact that some of us are Jewish and some are Catholic, the fact that some of us speak English and some French, does not make us less Quebecers," he said.

Weiner also voiced support for the Meech Lake Accord, which would bring Quebec into the constitution.

But he feared an "atmosphere of recrimination" if the Accord in not passed within the next 15 months.

It should be passed because "the constitution is not cast in stone" and would therefore be subject to future amendment should the need arise.

CJC appealing Ross ruling

FREDERICTON —
Canadian Jewish Congress has been granted permission to present legal arguments to the New Brunswick Court of Appeal in the Malcolm Ross case.

Congress will challenge a lower court ruling that quashed a Human Rights Commission board of inquiry that was called to hear a complaint of discrimination against the Moncton District 15 School Board.

The lower court decision set "an unfortunate precedent, one which would prevent human rights mechanisms from identifying and remedying prejudice and discrimination," a Congress news release stated.

The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission become involved when David Attis, a Moncton parent who is Jewish, laid a complaint against the school board. He said that by employing teacher Malcolm Ross, the board was failing to provide a service to the public free of discrimination.

Ross has written a number of books and letters alleging an international Jewish conspiracy against Christianity.

In its news release, Congress said it sought "intervenor" status in the Court of Appeal case "as part of its ongoing concern for the protection of minority rights...(and) to ensure that human rights statutes are given a large and liberal interpretation."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. On what date is the fast of the male first-born (taanit bekhorim) held?
2. Who are exempted from the requirement of fasting?
3. What is the explanation of this fast day?

ANSWERS:

1. The day before Passover (the 14th of Nissan) [April 19 in 1989].
2. Boys under the age of bar mitzvah or those who partake of a seudat siyyum.
3. It symbolizes the firstborn's thankfulness for the deliverance of firstborn Israelites from the last of the Ten Plagues visited on the Egyptians (Exodus 13:14-15).

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products.

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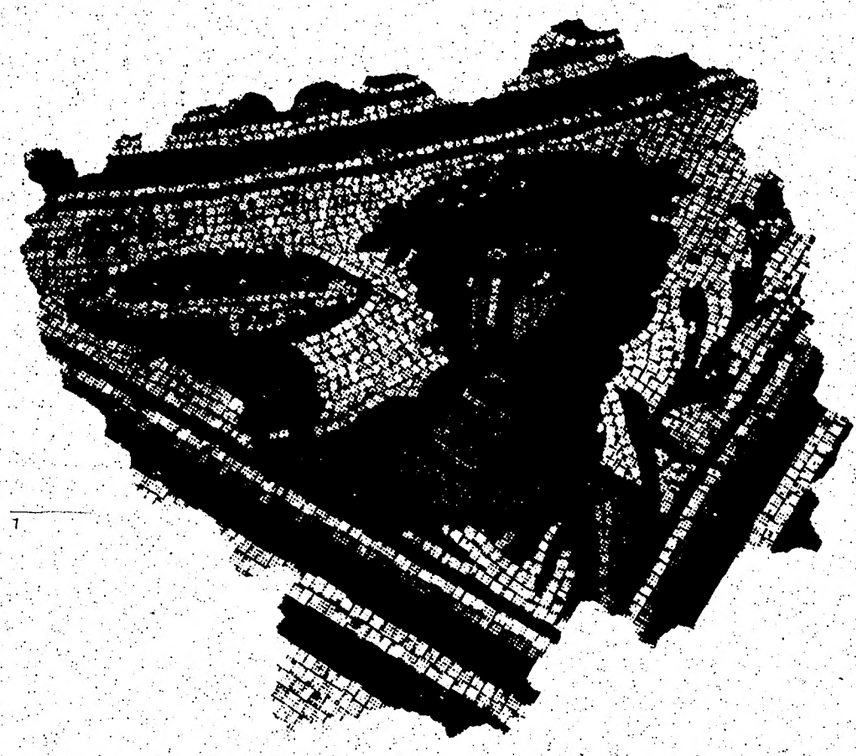

The Nissan Period - a mosaic from a 4th century synagogue discovered in Hamat.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Hazkarat Neshamot, or *Yizkor*, remembrance of the souls, next takes place Nissan 22 (April 27 this year), in the morning of the concluding day of Pesach. This memorial service, common to almost all Ashkenazi congregations four times a year, emphasizes the bond between the living and the dead.

The principle that prayer and charity facilitate atonement for the dead as well as for the living has long been part of Judaism. Maccabees II 12:43-45 records that Judah Maccabee some 2,200 years ago "took a collection amounting to 2,000 silver drachmas, each man contributing, and sent it to Jerusalem . . . to pray for the dead . . . He made atonement for the dead, so that they might be set free from their sin."

The current Yizkor service developed to memorialize the thousands of Jews slaughtered by the crusaders on their way to and within Jerusalem. It began as part of the Yom Kippur service, in part to stir the people to repentance, according to the Kol-Bo, an abridgement of 14th century French Rabbi Aaron HaKohen's *Orchot Chaim*. Since the 18th century, the memorial service has also been conducted after the Torah readings on the last day of Pesach, the 2nd day of Shavuoth, and the 8th day of Succoth or Shemini Azeret.

Hazkarat Neshamot is based on two prayers. In Yizkor, congregants pray that God "may remember" the souls of their deceased loved ones, and offer tzedakah as their part in helping keep these souls in the company of those of the patriarchs and the matriarchs. Yizkors are also said for martyrs. The shaliach tzibbur — cantor or other congregational representative — then chants *El Malei Rachamim*, asking "God who is full of compassion" to keep the souls "under His Divine wing(s) among the holy and pure who shine bright as the sky . . . in Paradise." This prayer became widespread after the Chmielniki massacres of some 200,000 Jews in the Ukraine and Poland, 1648-49.

El Malei Rachamim is also recited at burials, at the end of the 30-day mourning periods, and during the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. Its traditional Sephardic counterpart is Hashkavah, "laying to rest."

A midrash on the death of a criminal demonstrates the efficacy of the kaddish — the mourner's prayer — and by extension other appropriate prayers for the dead. It relates that 2nd century sage Rabbi Akiva was haunted by an agonized soul enduring severe punishment for the evils he committed in his recently ended life. He could only be saved, he told Akiva, if the son that his pregnant wife was to bear would pray on his behalf. Akiva found the man's wife and in due course taught the son what to say. The dead man returned to thank Akiva for saving him from future torments. Future prayers on his behalf would launch him on the path of spiritual ascent with the righteous.

Tzedakah, according to tradition, also helps the departed soul ascend the infinite spiritual ladder of the other world.

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INPARSHAL WORDS: rurr

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. In last week's parsha Metzora, *rurr* — to run, as in a liquid — suggests run and runny, rare, catarrh, rheostat, and Ruhr.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary traces run to Old English *rinnan* and its Germanic predecessors, a word familiar to Yiddish speakers. The latter would translate "he has a runny nose" as "es rinnt im fin noos."

The second r sound in rurr is an intense guttural that some unaccustomed vocal chords would have dropped and replaced with an easier nasal equivalent — run. Others would have kept it.

A rare steak is still a little runny with blood. Undercooked eggs are also called runny; they used to be called *rear*, an obsolete form of rare. Rare's Old English predecessor is *hrer*. Both run and rare are not taken any farther back by the COD, which likes to find Latin cognates for German words and to suggest theoretical Indo-European roots for both. Here, the COD does not link the Germanic to the Latin *roro, rorare*, which means to drip or be moist.

The COD traces catarrh, a fullblown cold with a runny nose, to the Greek *katarheo*. The preposition kata means down. Rheo means to flow. A rheostat controls the flow of electrical current.

The Ruhr in the German river of that name may have had a literal meaning in the past, but now it has been forgotten, University of Toronto German Prof. Heinz Wetzel said in response to a question from this columnist. Another German word, ruhr, means dysentery, he added.

Israeli constitutional court proposed

Cabinet okays human rights bill

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The cabinet last week approved a human rights bill designed to protect basic rights and ensure the democratic nature of the country.

Justice Minister Dan Meridor said the bill was "a breakthrough on the path to an Israeli constitution."

The draft law, named Basic Law: Fundamental Human Rights defines 19 principles of human rights, some of which have been entirely neglected until now, and proposes the establishment of a special constitutional court within the framework of the Supreme Court.

The basic rights defined in the bill include equality before the law and the outlawing of discrimination based on religion, nationality, sex, race, creed or country of origin; personal freedom; freedom of movement, faith, expression, artistic creation and scientific research; the right to privacy; protection of private property; freedom of work, assembly, and association; freedom to take legal proceedings; the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty; the right to receive warning before receiving punishment.

"If this law is adopted by the Knesset it will completely revolutionize the legal situation," Meridor told reporters after the cabinet meeting. Under the present circumstances, the Knesset can pass any law it wants, he explained. "In the future, it will be subject to the constraints of this bill."

The proposed constitutional court will be consulted whenever doubt arises about the validity or the interpretation of any law in light of the principles of the basic law on human rights, he said.

Meridor said the bill was based on the general principles of natural rights as acknowledged by free democratic societies, and on the articles of Israel's Declaration of Independence. He noted that the phrasing of the bill was influenced by several Western constitutions and drafts suggested by politicians and legal experts over the years.

The bill was also shaped by consideration deriving from Israel's unique political, religious and social situation. For example, it specifically emphasizes that its articles are not applicable to the controversial issue of marriage and divorce, meaning that these social ties, considered a basic right in many countries, will remain under the domain of the religious authorities in Israel.

The ministerial committee on legislation is debating the bill and Meridor hopes to bring it to the Knesset for approval in a few weeks.

Passover supplies head to Soviet Union

NEW YORK — For the first time in more than 50 years, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is sending shipments of kosher Passover supplies to Jewish communities in the Soviet Union.

The organization is sending 1,000 Hebrew-Russian Haggadahs, oil and powdered milk to the Leningrad Synagogue to be distributed to the local Jewish community, the JDC said in a press release.

The Haggadahs were printed and published in Tel Aviv in Hebrew and Russian and with a Russian commentary as well.

Each book contains a bookplate which bears the name "Joint" in Hebrew and English and states, "Excellent is the study of the Law with worldly occupation."

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Bar-Ilan's Yiddish department is granting two or three 1-year scholarships for present and potential teachers of Yiddish in the Soviet Union.

In response to a request from the Israeli Foreign Office, Prof. Gershon Winer, who heads the department, has offered the department's complete cooperation in providing texts, educational materials and recommendations of programs of intruction for courses in Yiddish language and literature.

Bar-Ilan's Yiddish teachers' training program provides almost all of the teachers of Yiddish in the 50 elementary and high shools in Israel where Yiddish serves as an elective subject.

Ultra-Orthodox women stage attack at Wall

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Angry ultra-Orthodox women reportedly kicked, punched and bit a group of 11 female worshippers who held a communal prayer service at the Western Wall recently, screaming that the women were Reform Jews who were defiling the sacred site.

"They attacked us three times," said Barbara Wachs, who was punched in the eye and bitten on the arm. "They were so filled with hate. The strength with which they hit us was really frightening."

The worshippers belong to a women's prayer group which has been trying to hold organized services, including the reading of the Torah, at the Western Wall, on the first day of each new month. The services have triggered violent opposition from the ultra-Orthodox.

About 200 women recently held a silent vigil in front of the Wall but declined to enter the prayer area to avoid another clash.

The women, who say they are acting according to halacha, pray in an organized fashion led by a cantor. Some of them wore kippot and tallitim in earlier services.

A few members of the group have also been meeting regularly at the Wall on Fridays since December. Until now these services passed without incident.

Wachs charged that border policemen stationed nearby did not stop the violence. "They wanted us to leave and didn't do anything to the women who were attacking us," she said.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, meanwhile, condemned the women's group for waging a "provocative" fight and "using prayer as a means of protest."

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Secret document gives details of Shamir plan

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel insists that Palestinians who take part in the proposed elections in the territories express, in advance, their agreement to participate in a process leading to the establishment of an interim self-government.

This emerges from the text of a secret cable sent by the Foreign Minister's Bureau to ambassadors around the world and obtained by The Jerusalem Post.

The cable formulates for the first time Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's concept of the terms of reference of the elections, to which the Palestinian representatives would have to agree in advance:

"The aim of the elections is to bring about the establishment of a delegation which will participate in negotiations on an interim settlement, in which a self-governing administration will be set up. The interim period will serve as an essential test of cooperation and coexistence. It will be followed by negotiations on the final settlement, in which Israel will be prepared to discuss any option which will be presented."

The ambassadors are instructed to submit the Prime Minister's peace proposals at "the most senior levels" and to present them as a personal message from Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

The ambassadors are also instructed to submit the text, which contains the first officially formulated presentation of Shamir's plans, to the governments of countries in which they are non-resident envoys.

The ambassadors are asked to tell their interlocutors that "Israel expects the support of its friends for the Prime Minister's initiative. Such support could form "an important contribution to peace in the Middle East."

Following are excerpts from foreign ministry formulation of the Prime Minister's proposals:

1. **The Camp David Partners — Reconfirmation of the Commitment to Peace.**

Ten years ago, the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt was concluded on the basis of the Camp David Accords. When the accords were signed, it was expected that more Arab countries would shortly join the circle of peace. This expectation was not realized.

The strength of Israeli-Egyptian relations and the cooperation between the three partners to the accords have a decisive influence on the chances for Middle East peace, and the Israeli-Egyptian treaty is the cornerstone to the building of peace in the region.

Therefore, the Prime Minister has called on the three countries whose leaders affixed their signature to the Camp David Accords, the U.S., Egypt and Israel, to renew their commitment to the agreements and to peace.

2. **The Arab Countries — From a state of war to a Process of Peace.**

The Prime Minister urged the U.S. and Egypt to call on the other Arab countries to desist from hostility towards Israel and to replace belligerency and boycott with negotiations and cooperation. Of all the Arab countries, only Egypt has recognized Israel and its right to exist.

The solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the building of confidence leading to a permanent settlement require a change in the attitude of the Arab countries towards Israel. Israel, therefore, calls on these states to put an end to this historic anomaly and to join direct bilateral negotiations aimed at normalization and peace.

3. **A Solution to the Refugee Problem — An International Effort.**

The Prime Minister has called for an international effort, led by the U.S., and with the singificant participation of Israel, to solve the problem of the Arab refugees. The refugee problem has been perpetuated by the leaders of the Arab countries, while Israel with its meagre resources is absorbing hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab countries. Settling the refugees must not wait for a political process or come in its stead.

Some 300,000 people live in refugee camps in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District. In the 1970s, Israel unilaterally undertook the rehabilitation of residents of refugee camps in Gaza and erected 10 neighborhoods in which 11,000 families reside. This operation was carried out in partnership with the residents despite PLO objections.

The time has now come to ensure appropriate infrastructure, living quarters and services for the rest of the residents of the camps who, at the same time, are victims of the conflict, hostages to it, and an element which perpetuates its continued existence.

4. **Free Elections in Judea, Samaria and Gaza on the Road to Negotiations.**

In order to bring about a process of political negotiations and in order to locate legitimate representatives of the Palestinian population, the Prime Minister proposes that free elections be held among the Arabs of Judea, Samaria and Gaza — elections that will be free of PLO intimidation.

These elections will permit the development of an authentic representation that is not self-appointed or appointed from the outside.

SELLING CHOMETZ

Initiating transaction for sale of chometz for Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel's kosher kitchen are (centre) Rabbi Avraham Lowinger, COR chief mashgiach, and hotel owner David Dennis (right). Hotel executive chef Peter Oldfield displays some of the foods that will be excluded from Jewish possession during the duration of Pesach. [Graphic Artists photo]

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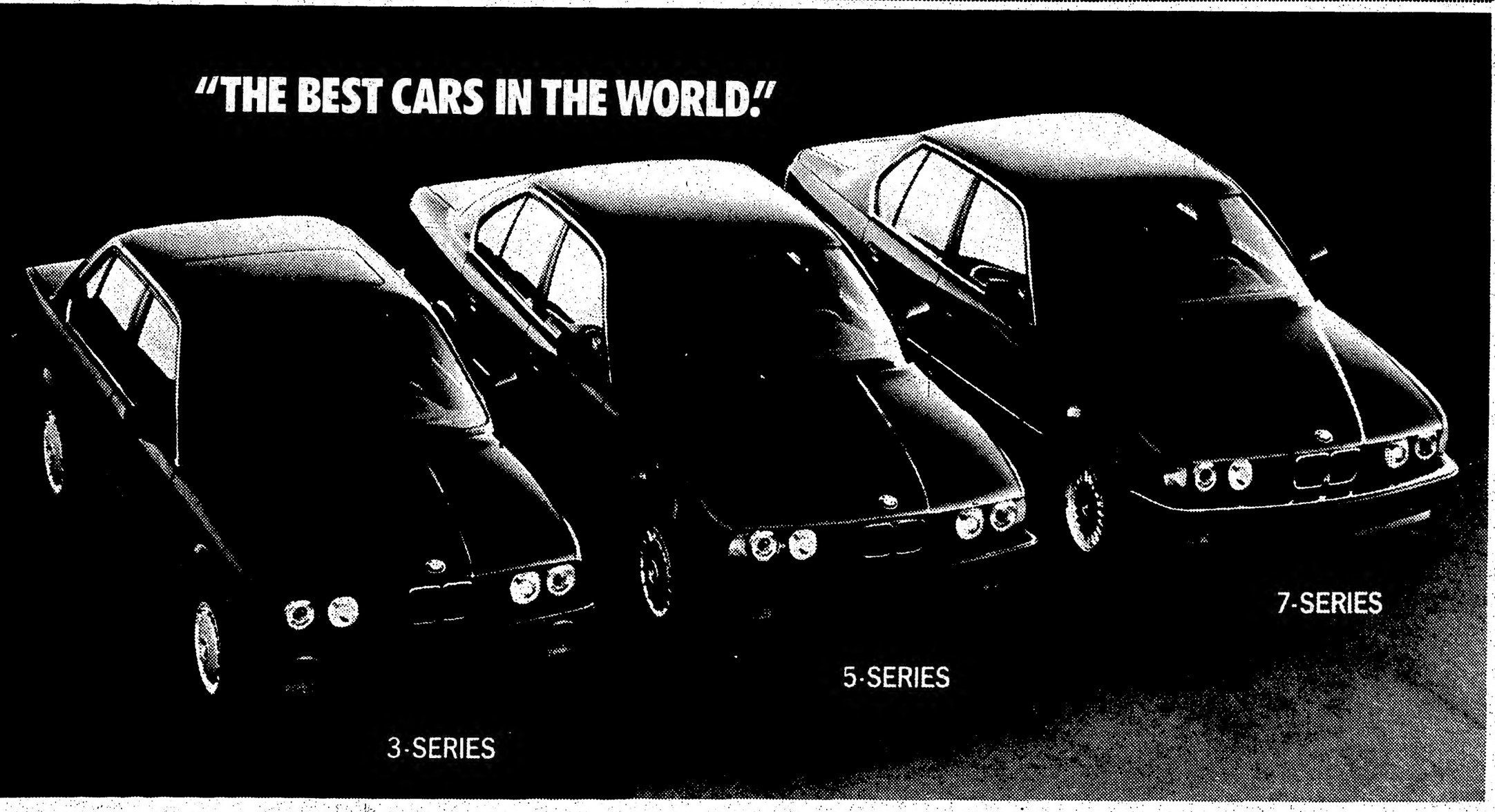

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Pesach celebrates human freedom

On the evening of April 19 when Jews everywhere will be sitting at the seder table, re-enacting the story of the Egyptian chapter in Biblical history, they will be marking an event which, while uniquely Jewish in origin, has had universal resonances.

The Passover story, as it is related in Exodus, chapters 1-15, describes the suffering of the Israelites in bondage to the Egyptians, the divine task entrusted to Moses, the 10 plagues which afflicted Pharoah and his people, and. the eventual liberation from servitude.

According to the late Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin, these events have become "the focal point of Jewish history because they crystallized the Jewish national identity and marked the birth of the Jews as a free people, and also because the lessons gained from the experience of Egyptian slavery and redemption provided a powerful basis for many important concepts of the Jewish faith and ethic."

As Michael Walzer has pointed out, the Exodus has also served as a powerful model for freedom movements throughout history. Wherever people are held in subjugation, the travail of the Israelites speaks to them and serves as a model pathway to liberation. What is also significant is that many of the movements which have evoked the Exodus analogy have not shared the high purpose of the original event.

Be that as it may, an event unrecorded and unnoticed by the contemporaries of ancient Israel (and if noticed, passed over in silence) has moved from a tribal triumph to a universal truth. The message of Passover has been adopted by all those who struggle to rid themselves of cruel taskmasters.

The reason? Passover deals not merely with political liberation — although that is certainly part of the saga — but also with internal liberation, with the regeneration of a people as it committed itself to a spiritual re-birth in a new commonwealth presided over by divine providence.

Every part of the seder and the holiday observance emphasizes simultaneously the particularity of the Jewish experience and its universality. Passover is a Jewish festival that speaks to all who cherish human freedom.

Powerful impact

Kudos to TVOntario and the Jewish Heritage Foundation of New York City for two outstanding film contributions which deepen our understanding of the magnitude of the Holocaust.

TVOntario's *voice of Survival*, aired recently, is a unique collection of testimonies presented by Holocaust survivors now living in Ontario, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia.

Narrated by Stephen Lewis, the program focused on ordinary Jewish men and women who described their experiences in concentration camps, and in one case, with Russian partisans.

Their poignant chronicles were spliced with film footage (some seen for the first time on this program) showing the horrors of mass executions, ghetto confinement and barbaric concentration camp work details.

One of the most remarkable aspects to *Voices of Survival* was the frank indictment of Canada's anti-Jewish immigration policy which lasted until 1948.

Some of the victims of that policy perished in the Lodz ghetto in Poland and the travail of that community has now been reconstructed in a film simply called *Lodz Ghetto*.

Narrated by author Jerzy Kosinski (who also does the voice-over for Rumkowski, the head of the Lodz Judenrat) the film tells its story, says Stephen Holden of The New York Times, through 1,000 photographs taken by ghetto dwellers, an unknown German photographer's color slides and six minutes of Nazi film mixed with film of the ghetto today.

Marsha Leon, a critic with The Forward says of the film: "My reaction was so visceral that even I was amazed, for it felt like a benign boil had suddenly reerupted and burst, pouring out all the submerged anguish anew."

The film also contains a color sequence showing Heinrich Himmler in the Lodz ghetto sitting in an open BMW Cabriolet with licence plate SS1. Scenes of utter depredation flood the screen as viewers absorb the hellish domain that was the Lodz ghetto.

These two films show that art in the service of memory and history can have a powerful impact.

Refugee project favored Nazis

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Britain's postwar refugee policy favored Nazis rather than Jews, a recent report shows.

After the British government established a war crimes inquiry in 1988, a team of researchers was put to work to sort out fact from fiction.

The All-Parliamentary War Crimes Group found that thousands of East Europeans and ethnic Germans who had served in the Waffen SS and other killing units were admitted to Britain while Jewish survivors of the Holocaust often were not. The onset of the Cold War, labor shortages and crass insensitivity produced this peculiar climate.

In common with Canada, Australia and the U.S., Britain often neglected to carry out security checks to determine whether a prospective immigrant had been a war criminal. And in several cases, Britain refused to extradite known mass killers for trial.

The report says that thousands of former Waffen SS men were brought to Britain in an operation codenamed Westward Ho. The program benefited former concentration camp guards and members of mobile killing squads. Among them were 8,000 Ukrainians who had served in the notorious Galician Division of the SS and 9,000 Yugoslavs, some of whom had been members of the anti-semitic, collaborationist Croatian Ustachi Party.

German scientists with Nazi pedigrees were recruited, and Lord Jowitt, a member of the cabinet, said in the House of Commons: "I am willing to risk their being Nazis."

Britain blocked Soviet requests for the extradition of 124 Ukrainian Waffen SS officers, and they were later given British citizenship. In another case, Britain refused to extradite an officer who had been in the 15th Latvian Waffen SS Division. In 1960, the Soviet Union asked for the extradition of an Estonian who had been present at the mass execution of Jews. Britain didn't act on the request, and the fugitive died peacefully in 1969.

All in all, Britain reneged on its promise to pursue war criminals "until the end of time." In the late 1940s, a Foreign Office paper noted that it was no longer "conducive to the public good" to extradite them — this at a time when Britain was deporting "illegal" Jewish immigrants from Palestine back to Germany.

THROUGH NAZI EYES

It may seem strange, but one of the most elaborate historical accounts of British Jewry was written by a Nazi propagandist.

Published in 1943 in two volumes, *Jews Conquer England* and *Jews Rule England*, the set is a malicious curiosity characterized by distortions, misinterpretations and often revolting absurdities, writes C.C. Aronsfeld in a piece in The Jewish Chronicle.

Running to 554 pages, and replete with 2,896 footnotes and 659 bibliographical notations, the books may appear to be scholarly but in fact are a farrago of Nazi lies.

The emancipation of British Jewry is interpreted as a defeat for a "pure race." And the falsehood of ritual murder is treated as an established truth.

The author is Peter Aldag, whose real name was Fritz Paul Heinrich Kruger, a Hamburg lawyer and Nazi Party member. Kruger arrived in London in 1935 to study British law, and kept in touch with the German embassy. He began to research the topic of British Jewry after a conversation with a visitor from Germany. His goal was "to find out whether and how far it could be said that the Jews have had a constructive or destructive share in the upbuilding and maintenance of a commonwealth."

The subject fascinated him, so much so that Kruger spent half his days in the British Museum studying source material.

In the spring of 1939, he completed the project and went to Germany to arrange publication. The German embassy in London had taken a keen interest in it, thinking it could be used to advance Germany's interests by "proving" that Britain was "Jew-infatuated."

During the war, in a radio program entitled Peter Calling, Kruger broadcast anti-semitic messages to Britain. He also contributed "learned" articles to two journals specializing in anti-semitism — Weltkampf and Die Judefrage — and produced a number of anti-Jewish pamphlets.

Kruger was arrested by the British in 1945 and imprisoned until 1947. In postwar Germany, he became a prosperous lawyer as well as an arms exporter to the Arab world. "I have throughout my life busied myself with the Jewish question," he explained, adding that his pro-Arab sympathies were rooted in "the common struggle against Judah."

He made two attempts to visit Britain, but was refused entry. Kruger died in 1979, never having set foot in Britain again.

BACK TO HIS ROOTS

Julius Lester was a prominent civil rights activist in the 1960s, a vocal Black radical whose book, *Look Out, Whitey! Black Power's Gon' Get Your Mama!*, caused a furor.

In 1968, he gained further notoriety when a Black child read an anti-semitic poem on his New York City radio program, a poem that began: "Hey, Jew boy, with that yarmulke on your head/You pale-faced Jew Boy — I wish you were dead."

Lester, however, was not an anti-semite. Perish the thought. Having much earlier discovered that his great grandfather had been a Jew, Lester embarked on a spiritual odyssey that was to result in his formal conversion to Judaism. He tells of this transformation in *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew (Henry Holt, $17.95 U.S.)*.

Lester, the son of a Methodist minister, had always been puzzled by the mysterious name on his grandmother's mailbox — Altschul. It turned out that Adolph Altschul was a German Jew, a peddler, who immigrated to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and married a mulatto woman named Maggie Carson, with whom he had several children.

Judaism exerted a strong pull on Lester. At the age of 8, after having heard that Sammy Davis Jr. had converted to Judaism, Lester resolved to do the same thing some day.

He learned about the Holocaust by reading *Exodus*, and his first "sustained contact" with Jews came at a Jewish summer camp where he worked as a counsellor. Over campfires, he sang Israeli songs, which brought tears to his eyes, he relates.

There was something about Jewish music that made him feel loved. At university, he would listen to a show called Zamir and "pretend" to be a Jew.

By way of explaining the 1968 radio incident, Lester says he hoped that the anti-Jewish poem would be seen as an indicator of the anger felt by Blacks vis-a-vis the issue of community controlled schools and would therefore "facilitate" contact between Jews and Blacks.

The resultant Jewish backlash, far from discouraging Lester, reinforced his commitment to Judaism.

By 1981, he was ready to convert.

A vision prompted his decision. As he puts it: "Suddenly, I see myself dancing in the middle of a brick-laid street. A brown yarmulke is on my head... and I am dancing... I am a chassid... I want to shout: I am a Jew! The next morning I awake and joy swirls around... I am a Jew!"

By now, Lester was teaching in the department of Afro-American Studies and in the Judaic Studies program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. By now, too, he had alienated many of his old radical friends by espousing a pro-Israel line.

In *Lovesong*, which is a deeply-felt memoir, Lester describes the steps which brought him and his family closer and closer to Judaism and to the shocking realization that most of his Jewish relatives had converted to Christianity.

It's a sincere book that deserves to be read.

Postscript: Since its publication, Lester has been dismissed from the Afro-American Studies department, ostensibly after criticizing Black author James Baldwin for a lecture in which the latter chastised the media for reporting Jesse Jackson's 1984 "Hymietown" remarks.

In a press release, B'nai B'rith International said: "The dismissal of... Lester is a triumph of political loyalty tests over academic freedom."

Julius Lester, author of Lovesong.

Opinion

Palestinians must be told they have something to gain

Arab moderation is dependent on Israel: Harkabi

By
ED FEUER

TORONTO —

The Palestinians take Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir seriously when he talks about his concept of autonomy in the territories and therein lies the problem, says Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi, former head of Israeli military intelligence.

Shamir speaks of autonomy for the Palestinians but always accompanies these words with the statement, "There will never be a Palestinian state," said Harkabi, who was here to give a lecture at the University of Toronto.

"Arab moderation is dependent on us," he said in a recent interview. "Sadat came to Jerusalem only after he was promised he would be rewarded. What do we say to the Palestinians? Forever you will be under Israeli domination. What does Shamir tell them — that autonomy is forever."

The Palestinians need to be told that they have something to gain rather than that "they are going to stay under our domination," said the Hebrew University professor who believes that stark demographic realities force Israel to negotiate an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

When Israeli leaders talk about a transition period in autonomy and then immediately rule out a Palestinian state, the Palestinians interpret this as "a transition to Israeli sovereignty," he said. "Autonomy will be perpetuated and eternalized. They (the Palestinians) cannot accept it."

Harkabi, a former deputy director-general in the Prime Minister's office and a past chief of strategic research in the ministry of defence, said peace must be "egalitarian — you must consider that your adversary has the same rights as you have. There is no peace with autonomy. That is a hegemonic relationship and the world does not accept that."

Harkabi said that the PLO has changed and it has declared it has changed. This happened, he said, "not because the PLO became nice and not because the Jews became nice" but because realism has replaced dreams. "Conflict is a learning process and the Palestinians have learned. . . ."

Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi

"Now they acknowledge, 'before we wanted everything, now we know we cannot achieve it. If there is no settlement, there will be great calamities for you and for us.' "

He admitted that there are "vicious expressions" and "vicious intentions" among PLO people. But he said, the only way to counter this "is to challenge and examine their position, start negotiating. Produce an agreement which will be so detailed so as to thwart these intentions."

He said that the Americans attributed "eternal aggressiveness" to the Russians "but people change." There are many criticisms one can make of traditional Arab views of Israel, he said, "but make your choice. . . . Let us say that the Arabs are bad. Can you destroy them? You have to live in their vicinity.

"If we won't come to an agreement, see what will happen. There will be war. We cannot withstand long war because we will have to absorb many casualties. There will be eternal intifada going on. World public opinion will more and more turn against Israel. . . .

"I don't suggest what I have to say is a good proposal. I suggest that we have to choose between bad and worse, and the worse is to keep the areas and become an Arab state by demography, to lose world public opinion because of the position it all belongs to us — instead of negotiating a very detailed agreement which will foil or preempt vicious intentions which I do recognize that there are in the PLO.

"I am not a utopian. All the bad things attributed to the PLO comes from my previous writings." The prominent Arabist's 17 books include the *Arab Attitudes Toward Israel* and his most recent work *Israel's Fateful Hour* (CJN March 9).

If the PLO truly has changed, will the Arab states let it make peace? Harkabi was asked. "The Arab states have their own problems," he said, adding that with the exception of Syria, most of them say, "Whatever the PLO agrees to, it's enough."

And what did he think of U.S. and Canadian moves to talk to the PLO? "They consider that the Palestinians constitute a political group that deserves to have political expression."

If one says that the Palestinians constitute a political group, it's up to them to decide who represents them "and it's abundantly clear that the Palestinians consider that the PLO represents them," he said. "As the Americans don't decide on the composition of the Russian delegation, we cannot decide on the composition of the Palestinian delegation."

Israel cannot say it is ready to talk to the Palestinians but that it will decide who will represent the Palestinians, Harkabi said. "It won't work. It's an offence to their dignity . . . and nations are very sensitive on problems of dignity."

The Palestinians agree to a 2-state solution, he said, and there will be a shift in world opinion because Israel is perceived as "wanting everything for itself."

"I cannot see any state withstanding global pressures. Eventually Israel will have to resign itself to understand there is no other possibility but partition . . . If you don't reach an agreement, Israel and the territories will be an Arab state in a few years because the majority of the population will be Arabs.

"The real option facing Israel," he said, "is that there will be a Palestinian state in our neighborhood or we shall become the Palestinian state. . . .

"What I am concerned about is how Israel gets the best deal," Harkabi said. "If we postpone a solution, we shall get a much worse deal.

Gossip's positive effect

There are no secrets on a kibbutz

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

For 10 years Dr. W filled an assignment as resident physician on a kibbutz. It was an interesting and in many ways a rewarding experience, utterly unlike his previous private urban practice, he told us. His greatest shock, he said, was to find that the traditional confidentiality between doctor and patient is almost impossible to maintain, and what goes on in the privacy of the doctor's office can soon become common knowledge in the close-knit little family of the kibbutz.

How could this be? In a recent issue of Kibbutz Currents, an English language magazine published under the united sponsorship of almost the entire kibbutz movement, Dr. Richard J. Sobel, who has had 12 years of experience as a kibbutz doctor, explains: "Many kibbutz members have access or occasional need for access to the medical records. A partial list includes the kibbutz nurses, the dentist, visiting specialists, the physiotherapist, laboratory technicians, work manager, secretariat and the pyschologist." As a result, there are few secrets, and "leaks" spread through a kibbutz like flood waters.

Our Dr. W gave examples of other channels of information. A young woman came to him for a pregnancy test, and he sent her urine specimen off to the laboratory. To disguise her identity, he entered on the slip the name of the kibbutz's oldest grandmother. The messenger who brought the report back could not resist the temptation to peek inside the envelope (after all, in a kibbutz it's share and share alike — and that means information too), and was shocked to discover that granny was going to have a baby. What the kibbutz reaction was, when the news quickly made the rounds, was not reported.

It is axiomatic that there are no secrets on a kibbutz. The Ws had a dog whose name was Mimi. One day the doctor informed his wife that Mimi was pregnant. Apparently, he did not lower his voice sufficiently, and in a matter of hours everybody in the kibbutz "knew" that Mimi was pregnant — much to the embarrassment of a lovely teen-ager, named Mimi, from another family.

If you have often wondered why a physician's handwriting is so illegible, Dr. Sobel provides a kibbutz answer. He writes his medical records in a deliberately difficult script so that only professionals would be able to make out key words.

On the other hand, gossip can sometimes prove useful. One member was generally "known" to have a particular illness, but after medical tests the doctor determined that he did not. How to get the word out fast, and rescue the patient's reputation? There was a deliberate leak of clinical information to a reliable gossip, ensuring that the news was widely spread.

Sobel finds that kibbutz gossip also has a positive effect. It serves to limit the extremes of permitted behavior; in other words, members must always be aware of the public eye. As for the doctor, "it functions as a powerful incentive to practice evidently good medicine, since his failures are quickly known to all."

Sobel refers to euthanasia. "We are all shamefully familiar with modern monitored death, the ugly situation at the hospital bedside where the team continues pointless treatment because it is technologically possible, and not because they know that this is what the patient or his family want. This rarely happens at a kibbutz. . . . The usual arguments about whether to start a particular therapy, or to stop an intervention, i.e., the arguments related to 'passive euthanasia' are reduced to the central question, 'What does the patient want?' The physician abides by the patient's valid request, including refusal of therapy."

Hypochondria on the kibbutz? No less than on the outside. However, there are malingerers who feign illness to get out of heavy assignments, and friendship with the nurse is an asset. On the other hand, Dr. W knew of cases where conscientious kibbutz members insisted on going on with their heavy work, though he had warned them they must take it easy.

Equality on the kibbutz? He found that it is observed as much in the breach as in the practice. Some members have more clout than others, and through their influence on the health committee can request and obtain more services and treatment than are available on the kibbutz. Thus, he had a request from a 50-year-old married woman to authorize plastic surgery on her nose, which she thought was getting bigger. He did not consider this a valid medical request, and the Kupat Cholim health fund concurred. However, the woman had pull with the kibbutz leadership, and her nose job was approved as a private case, and paid for out of kibbutz funds.

In a large kibbutz, where the physician's practice is restricted to only the local members, he can find himself in a medical dead end, with no diversified cases, little hospital practice and no research. Dr. W was more fortunate in that he took care of other nearby settlements as well, and had time assigned to him at the local hospital. He found his last 10 years at the kibbutz far more satisfactory, professionally, than all the preceding years of his private practice.

One thing is certain. The doctor-patient relationship on the kibbutz is largely untainted by any financial considerations.

Hard questions for Canadian Jews

MILTON HARRIS, a former president of Canadian Jewish Congress, poses some questions about Canada's recent action in upgrading relations with the PLO.

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I wonder if the much-heralded "solidarity" of the organized Canadian Jewish community in support of the "peace" program of the Israeli government, and opposed to the new policy of the Canadian government to upgrade the level of contacts with the PLO, truly reflects the vast majority of our community who do not participate in the organizations?

All of us who are active in communal organizations are aware of the psychological mechanisms that are used to enforce "solidarity": We are told that public criticism of Israel's peace policy runs the risk of endangering the security of Israeli Jews, and if we really want to criticize we should move there and share the risks.

If that argument does not suffice to quell public dissent, then there is an element in the organized community who will not hesitate to hurl that ominous epithet, "traitor."

I am confident that much of the response to this article will be a manifest confirmation of the community pressure to "sha shtill! (Be quiet!).

Barbara Tuchman, writing in *The March of Folly* about the loss of the American colonies by the British, and the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, illustrates the role of "suppression of dissent" in the pursuit of folly: it acts as a barrier to a clear perception of reality.

We need to overcome our fear of discussing the security issue in public by asking many of the real questions about Israeli security:

- Why is "establishment of a separate Palestinian state the single greatest threat to the survival of the Jewish state?" (according to Prime Minister Shamir). Aren't the militarized rejectionist Arab states, such as Syria, Iraq and Libya, a much greater treat to the security of Israel than a demilitarized Palestinian state? Would these militant Arab states retain a capability to make war on Israel if, as seems likely, the establishment of a separate Palestinian state were to have the unqualified support of both the United States and the Soviet Union?
- Why is a confederation of a Palestinian entity on the West Bank with a fully armed Jordan less of a threat to Israel than a separate, demilitarized Palestinian state?
- Why do we believe that Jordan is an appropriate negotiating partner when Hussein has made it clear to Shimon Peres, amongst many others, that he does not have the political strength to compromise one inch of the pre-1967 territory, including East Jerusalem? As Hussein said to Peres, "If you want more than that you'll have to go to the PLO."

No responsible Jew could possibly contemplate Israel's defensive capability retreating behind the Green Line. The possibility of achieving a real peace while retaining Israel's line of defence along the Jordan rests only in direct negotiations with the Palestinians who live in the territories.

- Why do we refuse to talk peace to the PLO because they are the enemy? Has true peace ever ended any war without "talking to the enemy?"
- Why do we insist that the representatives freely elected by the Palestinians to negotiate a settlement cannot be members of the PLO? Any objective observer affirms that upwards of 90% of the Palestinians living in the territories consider themselves adherents of the PLO.
- Why would the government of Israel waste its time negotiating a settlement with anyone who did not represent its constituency and could not, therefore, deliver the vast majority of the Palestinians into an agreement.

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The refusal to so much as ask these questions, has driven the spokesmen of the "solid" Jewish community into putting our total credibility on the line in condemning the Mulroney government for upgrading the level of contacts with the PLO. Do we really believe that any Canadian government could long delay following the Americans who have a major responsibility to further the peace process? Would Canada retain any influence in the rest of the world, and especially in the Security Council, if we remained the only country in the world, except for Israel, that refused to recognize that the only organization representing the bulk of the Palestinians is the PLO?

Having staked our total credibility on this issue, if we lose, as we are bound to, will we retain our proven ability to be a significant factor in the formulation of Canadian government policy on the Middle East?

And finally: Will we begin to ask these crucial questions, or will we persist in our own March of Folly?

Opinion

Jewish Warsaw seen on the eve of its destruction

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Poland's glittering jewel, Warsaw, was ringed by German troops on the 8th day of World War II. For the Jewish community, the German occupation would be an unparallelled disaster. Within four years, Warsaw was, for all practical purposes, *Judenrein.*

The castastrophe unfolded in a series of carefully-planned, brutal, dehumanizing stages, borne with mute shock by Jews until April of 1943, when the heroic but doomed ghetto uprising took place. By May of 1943, the Germans and their East European collaborators were mopping up the resistance.

Yisrael Gutman, a history professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a participant in the uprising, has written what may well be the best and most thorough account of the Jewish experience in Warsaw from the outbreak of war to the destruction of the ghetto — *The Jews of Warsaw (Indiana University Press, $17.50 U.S., paperback).*

Jews got their first bitter taste of the Nazis even before German troops penetrated the Polish capital. Determined to break the city's spirit, Germany bombed Warsaw. One of the targets of German planes was the Jewish quarter, in the northern part of Warsaw. Heavy bombardments were recorded especially on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Gutman can't be sure whether these destructive raids were deliberately timed or just undertaken by chance. Whatever the case, the Jews were in store for further, far more malicious disasters.

Older Jewish residents of Warsaw — the hub of Polish Jewry — clung to the illusion that Germany would ultimately leave the Jewish community alone. Remembering the German occupation of World War I, they recalled refined, disciplined people. But Nazi Germany, led by Hitler, was different, and this became apparent within days of Germany's conquest of Warsaw.

Jews lining up for food in front of German field kitchens, having been identified as Jews by anti-semitic Poles, were pulled aside belligerently and kicked out of the lineups by young German troops. Soon enough, Germans were requisitioning Jews for day labor, stopping Orthodox Jews and shearing off their beards and confiscating Jewish household goods.

Some Jews had reason to wonder whether these indignities actually conformed with official policy. On Sept. 4, when the Polish army was still fighting valiantly, the German chief of staff, Walther von Brauchitsch, had declared in a radio broadcast that Jews needn't worry. On Sept. 30, when Warsaw lay supine, the commander of German forces in Poland, Johannes Blaskowitz, had said the Jews could return to their usual affairs. On Oct. 26, Hans Frank, the governor-general of occupied Poland, had conveyed the assurance that "under the just regime, every man will be able to earn his living by his labors." But he had sounded an ominous note: "... there is no place for agitators, profiteers, or Jewish parasites..."

In truth, the Nazis had already singled out the Jews for special treatment. Before September was out, they had drawn up secret plans to concentrate Polish Jewry in urban ghettos, struck Jewish lawyers from the professional rolls, banned Jewish peddlers from Polish neighborhoods and stripped Jews of their pension rights. In November, the order went out that Jews 10 years and older must wear a white armband with a Star of David on it. The edict was also binding on Jewish converts to Christianity, of whom there were about 2,000 in Warsaw.

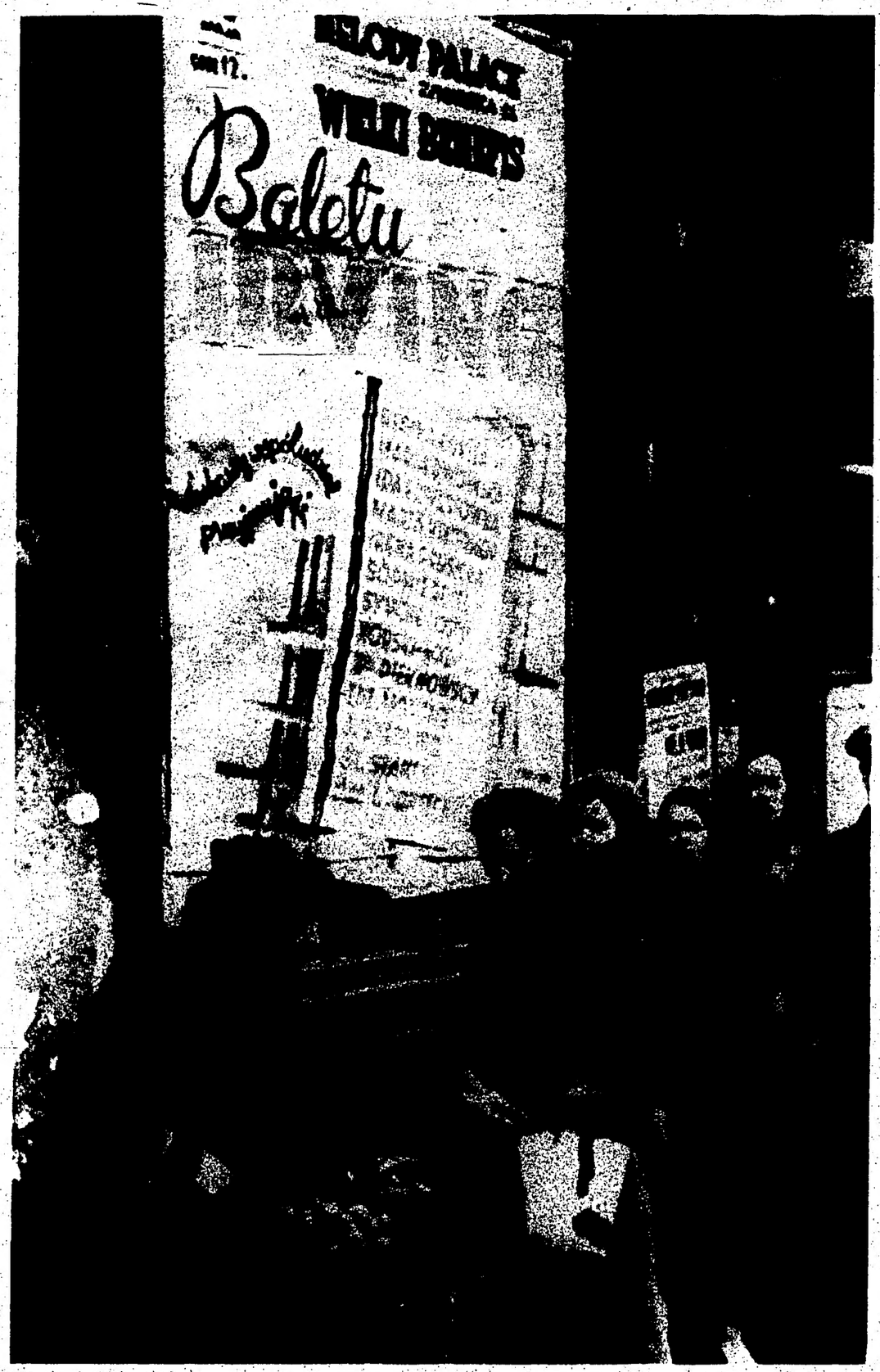
Within no time, Jews were forbidden from entering parks, walking on specific streets or travelling on trains. In November, a Jewish diarist, Chaim Kaplan, wrote with piercing prescience that "the Jews of Poland face total extermination." Such clairvoyance was extremely rare in 1939, despite the mounting sense of despair.

News of the imminent formation of a ghetto shocked Jews. Fourteen months after occupying Warsaw, the Germans sealed the ghetto, thereby segregating the Jewish population. To achieve their objective, the Germans had to relocate 113,000 Poles and 138,000 Jews. Squeezed into some 425 acres, the ghetto contained 30% of Warsaw's total population, on 2.4% of its land area, Gutman says.

Being devious, the Germans circulated two stories: the Jews were told that the ghetto walls were meant to defend them from Polish "excesses," while the Poles were informed that the hermetic isolation of the Jews was designed to protect everyone else from the prevailing typhus epidemic. The Nazis refrained from using the word "ghetto." They spoke of a Jewish "quarter."

Gutman writes that the Poles initially opposed the ghettoization of Warsaw, not out of a sense of identification with the Jews, but out of a concern that their livelihoods would be adversely affected.

The Jewish population in the ghetto, which peaked at 445,000 in March of 1941, steadily declined as a result of starvation (Jews subsisted on 184 calories per day, compared to 2,613 for Germans and 699 for Poles), endemic disease and labor camp conditions. Under the circumstances, Jews had no alternative but to resort to smuggling in food.



Waiting in line for potatoes, under an announcement of a ballet performance in the ghetto.

Mordecai Anielewicz

Professional smugglers, many of whom had been criminals in the pre-war period, flourished and were treated with due deference. Often, they patronized the expensive restaurants and cafes of the ghetto in the company of their partners, Germans and Jewish policemen.

The phenomenon of the Jewish policeman is treated at length by Gutman. At first, they were respected members of the community. Then, until the first mass deportation in 1942, their status plummeted.

During the summer of 1942, when the ghetto was nearly emptied, they were simply adhorred.

The first chief of the Jewish police was Jozef Szerynski (Sheinkman), a convert to Catholicism who had been a colonel in the Polish police. He was succeeded by the unscrupulous Jacob Lejkin.

Jewish police personnel were primarily used by their masters, the Germans, to round up Jews. Crime was never a serious problem within the ghetto walls. According to Gutman, there was not a single instance of murder, though several cases of cannibalism were recorded.

From the outset, the community was shorn of its top-echelon leadership, which left something of a void. Among those who left Poland altogether were Zerah Wahrhaftig (one of the signers of Israel's Declaration of Independence) and Menachem Begin.

Certainly, their absence was not felt acutely by the Germans when they established the control mechanism of the ghetto — the *Judenrat,* or community council.

Even as conditions worsened, Gutman says, the majority of Jews could not — and would not — believe what lay ahead. Rumors of mass murder were dismissed. Understandably, nobody believed that the Germans, heirs to a great civilization, would possibly murder innocent civilians on a systematic basis.

The first illusion fell by the wayside on April 18, 1942, when the Germans, in retaliation for the death of a soldier, ran amok — killing 52 Jewish suspects. This was only the opening salvo. On July 22, the eve of the 9th of Av, the Nazis began an *Aktion* that resulted in the deportation of 256,000 Jews to the Treblinka death camp. On the second day, Adam Czerniakow, the leader of the *Judenrat,* committed suicide. Thousands of Jews escaped to the Polish side of Warsaw and were sheltered by sympathetic Christians. But only about 25% survived the war, Gutman writes.

Why did the Nazis do it?

It's a fair question, because the leadership of the ghetto fervently thought that the Germans never would dare liquidate the largest concentration of Jews in Europe. It was a logical assumption, of course. They couldn't grasp the unthinkable — namely that Himmler, the SS chieftain, viewed the elimination of the ghetto as an important step in reaching the Final Solution, of which he was an ardent proponent.

A week after the July *Aktion* got under way, the leaders of three Jewish youth movements (Ha Shomer Hazair, Akiva and Dror He-Halutz) founded ZOB — the Jewish Fighting Organization. The hierarchy, which was drawn from other organizations, consisted of Mordecai Anielewicz, Yitzhak Zukerman, Marek Edelstein (who survived and still lives in Poland), Yohanan Morgenstern, Hirsch Berlinski and Michael Rosenfeld.

Gutman suggests that although they were vaguely aware of the finality of the Germans' plan, they had not worked out an operational response for an uprising, nor did they possess sufficient arms.

Gutman is critical of the way Poles responded to the crisis. He claims they could have sabotaged the railway track to Treblinka, could have saved a "substantial" number of Jews by preparing hiding places and forged documents, and could have supplied the ghetto fighters with large quantities of arms (as it happened, the Jews bought most of their weapons from grasping dealers at inflated prices.)

To be fair, the Poles were not completely indifferent. The conservative Polish Home Army (AK) provided ZOB with a total of 10 revolvers. During the height of the battle in the ghetto, the Communist People's Army (AL) attacked a German artillery crew. At the end of 1942, on the initiative of a group of decent-minded Poles, the Council for Aid to Jews (Zegota) was established. It received funds from the Polish government-in-exile in London.

The Poles, to give them their due, were at a disadvantage. Poles caught helping Jews were subject to severe punishments, even death. On the other hand, most Poles believed that Jews were an alien implant in Poland and that their fate was of no concern to them. Gutman speaks of two additional factors that fostered anti-semitism: The Poles accused Jews of pro-Communist leanings (Jews had welcomed Soviet forces that took control of eastern Poland in 1939), and the eviction of Jews from their homes and businesses benefited a broad class of Poles.

On the eve of the revolt, ZOB carried out its first military operations. They were directed against Jewish collaborators. Jacob Lejkin was one of the functionaries who stopped ZOB bullets.

The Germans realized that the Jews would not react passively to another *Aktion,* but they grossly underestimated the ferocity of their response. Expecting to mop up in three days, they were thrown back repeatedly by the ZOB fighters.

An assault force of some 2,000 soldiers and 36 officers entered the ghetto on April 19, equipped with armored cars, light tanks, cannons, heavy machineguns, flamethrowers and anti-aircraft batteries. Each ZOB fighter had received 10 to 15 bullets and 4 or 5 hand grenades.

Stroop, the German commander, was astonished but not cowed by the resistance. According to his statistics, 16 of his men were killed and 85 wounded in the course of the battles.

The Jews put up an exemplary fight, but they had no chance. On May 16, Stroop wrote: "One hundred and eighty Jews, thugs and the scum of humanity were killed. The Grand *Aktion* ended at (8.15 p.m.) with the demolition of the Warsaw synagogue."

Isolated instances of Jewish resistance flared until October, 1943. ZOB fighters who escaped through the sewers to the Aryan side joined partisan units, and some took part in the 1944 Polish uprising in Warsaw.

Gutman documents these events with the consummate skill of a good historian and the emotional intensity of an actual participant. It's a fine achievement in Holocaust literature.

Adam Czerniakow

Opinion

Let us prepare realistically for far-reaching decisions

An old Jewish tale contains a modern message

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My good friend Abe Berniker, formerly of Windsor, Ont., and now of Jerusalem, is filled with Jewish parables and folk tales like a pomegranate with sweet kernels. I remember some of them. But there are a few that are never far from my consciousness. One such memorable allegory is now persistently engaging my mind. It is a tale about a Jewish tar maker in a little-known East European shteteleh (smaller than even a shtetle) a century or two ago.

J. B. Salsberg

Here is the tale; rendered, as far as possible, in traditional style.

In that distant past, one of the earliest chassidic rebbes, whose holiness enabled him to communicate directly with the Creator of the universe desired to know who his graveside neighbor would be and with whom he would have to spend all the time while waiting for the coming of Messiah, when all Jews will be resurrected. He persisted in his pleas for that knowledge and finally his wish was granted.

The holy Rebbe was informed that his graveside neighbor would be Shmuel, the tar maker, of the village of Voroditch.

The Rebbe was, naturally enough, deeply moved when his prayers were answered but he then became consumed by the desire to meet his destined graveside neighbor here and now, while still in this world. The Rebbe assumed that his ultimate neighbor must be a great tzaddik (a saintly man) and great scholar with whom it would be a privilege to talk while still in this world. So the Rebbe asked his coachman to harness the horses and proceed to Voroditch without delay.

On arrival at his destination, Voroditch, the Rebbe was surprised to find that only a handful of local Jews had ever heard of their townsman, Shmuel, the tar maker. This only suggested to the Rebbe that his future graveside neighbor must be one of the 36 tzaddikim who, according to tradition, save the world from destruction in every generation, but whose identity is never revealed and who live as simple, everyday Jews.

Finally, the visiting Rebbe was directed to the tar maker's simple cottage at the outskirts of the village and close to an outdoor, steaming tar oven. He was further surprised when an unfriendly, apple-chomping muscular Jew appeared from the rear of the cottage and grudgingly acknowledged that he was Shmuel the tar maker.

The visiting Rebbe, convinced that the tar maker was determined to hide his true identity, asked to be allowed to spend the night with him, which the tar maker agreed to with a grunt.

Inside the hut the host offered the visitor some food while he, without uttering a word, consumed enormous quantities of food.

The visiting Rebbe finally presuaded the unusual host to tell him why and for what purpose he pursues his unusual way of life.

And this, in a very condensed form, is what the tar maker told the visiting Tzaddick

My father, he began, was a short, slim, pious Jew. One day, while driving in the countryside, he was pounced upon by a gang of besotten, Jew-hating hooligans. They dragged him from his wagon, beat him mercilessly and lit a fire of the few twigs under their foot and threw him into the flames where he quickly perished.

Well, continued the robust tar maker, I then and there decided to become the strongest man around, so if and when I should ever be faced with a threat like that I shall fight the anti-semites as long as possible and if they should want to burn me alive they shall need not a twig-blaze but an inferno that will reach the very heavens and the seat of the Almighty himself. He paused and added; that's why I eat and eat and eat. . . .

The visiting Rebbe was awestruck by what he heard. He turned to the Eastern wall of the hut and, raising his hands to heaven, the Tzaddik said; Thank thee, O Lord, for thinking me worthy to be the graveside neighbor of Reb Shmuel, the tar man of Voroditch. . . .

Now: Why did I tell you, my wise and sensitive readers, this disturbing tale at this time? Because this allegoric tale lingers in my mind lately and refuses to leave.

It may, of course, reflect my intuitive feeling that we, all of Jewry, are facing inclement or even stormy weather ahead. We may also have forgotten how to meet threatening climatic conditions. . . .

My inner feeling tells me that we should avoid bravado stances but prepare realistically for far-reaching decisions that have to be made in Israel as well as elsewhere.

The tale I told may have a message for us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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CLARK A "TOOL"

Joe Clark's recent upgrading of Canada's relations with those terrorist gangsters, the PLO is a disgrace.

He is obviously a captive tool of the pro-Arab civil servants in his ministry of external affairs.

Where are the Hadassah and Zionist ladies who worked so hard in the campaign to re-elect those Toronto-area Tories, Barbara McDougall, MP for St. Paul's, and William Attewell, MP for Markham? They have remained conspicuously silent about Clark's recognition of the PLO.

J. Rogers
Toronto

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"DISGUSTED" WITH JOE CLARK

I recently wrote External Affairs Minister Joe Clark that I'm disgusted with his foolishness in recognizing the barbaric PLO and ashamed of *my* government for sanctioning it.

How can Yasser Arafat tell the world the PLO wants peace and simultaneously state that he personally will pump 10 bullets into the chest of any Palestinian Arab in Israel who strives for peace privately?

Dr. Max N. Glassman
Toronto

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SEPARATE SCHOOLS PROMOTE RACISM

Re Ben Rose's April 6 article reporting that the North York Board of Education voted 11 to 2 to approve heritage language Hebrew classes in Jewish private schools:

I, along with thousands of other Jews in Toronto, disagree.

As a Ward 5 trustee on the North York Board of Education, I believe that the best place to educate Jewish children is in public schools. By separating Jewish children from the rest of the society, we promote racism inside and outside our community. When children work, learn, eat and play together it is harder for them to hate.

Errol Young
Toronto

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PREDICTS IRAN-SOVIET ALLIANCE

The rise of Islamic fundamentalism, under the blinded zeal of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, is a seal of guarantee that any effort on behalf of the West to have normal, peaceful, diplomatic relations with that Persian state will not succeed.

The uproar over Rushdie's book *Satanic Verses* cements our theory.

Isolated from the West, Iran is (will be) looking to the only alternative source of comfort to help its war-torn country. This means the Soviet Union (also a hater of the decadent West).

I predict this "marriage of convenience" will control the West's primary source of oil flow. It will also destroy their mutual implacable enemy, Israel.

The USSR's recent "peace" overtures with Israel are but a smoke screen, disguising the Soviet Union's true expansionist ambitions.

Peter Ventresca
Guelph, Ont.

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PLAN ISRAEL HOLIDAY NOW!

We spent a peaceful January and February visiting beautiful Israel this year. We met lots of tourists from around the world, but virtually no Jewish tourists.

I recently read that Philadelphia, with a 350,000 Jewish community, organized a special Israel tour in which 1,000 Jews visited the Holy Land for the first time.

More than 80% of Canada's close to 300,000 Jews have never visited Israel.

So plan to visit Jerusalem now — this year, not next — when Israel really needs you.

Sonia and Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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Stefka Evstatieva

IS ADJECTIVE "ZOFTIG" SEXIST?

Re Phillip Hahn's recent letter to the editor headed "Tosca very, very zoftig":

I am disappointed with Hahn for chastising your opera critic, Frank Rasky, for not describing Bulgarian soprano Stefka Eustatieva's body with greater precision when she starred in the opera, *Tosca*.

Hahn said that Rasky "discreetly described her as being a voluptuous and statuesque diva of more than ample size" and asked: "I wonder why your reviewer didn't come out with it and say she was downright hefty?"

Such comments only serve to support sexual stereotypes.'

Ms. Eustatieva is a dedicated professional who deserves to be judged solely for her ability and not on her appearance. A critic should never cloud a judgment on performance with a superficial comment on an artist's weight.

This only reinforces the attitude that a woman, no matter how talented, should conform to society's often unrealistic ideals of "beauty."

Her hard work and achievements are somehow less praiseworthy if she is "ugly" or "fat." It is a burden rarely forced upon men.

As members of the Jewish community, we must be aware of the potential harm which follows from discriminatory comments, even those made in a lighthearted fashion.

Roberta McKeown
Normanton
West Yorkshire
England

Frank Rasky replies: My answer to Ms. McKeown's claim that I am being sexist can be stated in one blunt word: "Balderdash!" When referring to Stefka Eustatieva as being more than amply zoftig, I was not indulging in sexual stereotyping. Rather, I was subtly suggesting that her abundant avoirdupois did not conform credibly to the opera's libretto which indicates that Tosca is supposed to be a young, sylph-like beauty and therefore was somewhat miscast.

I would be equally remiss in my duty if I neglected to mention that a director had ludicrously miscast a skinny Falstaff, a jolly Hamlet, a blimpish Cleopatra, or a petite Wagnerian Brunhild.

I keep hoping that times have changed since I was a young opera reviewer for Toronto's campus daily, The Varsity, when touring opera companies had the chutzpah to cast bovine female gargantuas in Puccini's La Boheme as Mimi, the gaunt seamstress wasting away to her 4th-act death from consumption.

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KUDOS TO GASNER

As administrator of the Jewish Volunteer Service of Toronto, I wish to thank Cynthia Gasner for her recent clear and concise overview of our organization.

She has captured the heart and soul of what *Bikur Cholim* is all about.

Arlene Berlin Margolese
Toronto

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SLAMS OUR MAGAZINE STORY

I was disappointed to note that the front cover of your March 23 edition of The Canadian Jewish News Magazine — as well as four pages inside — were devoted to a young couple who had the courage to make aliya to Israel. But then they found it tough going and decided to return to Canada.

I looked in vain for an indication that there were other Olim from Toronto who had the courage to make aliya to Israel, found it tough, but decided to stay.

The writer Paul Lungen, is talented and has written many positive articles about Israel. It is certainly in order for him to write negative articles about Israel if he wishes to, and if it is the policy of The Canadian Jewish News to give pride of place to such articles.

But as the president of the Toronto Chapter of Parents of North American Israelis, representing 125 families with children and grandchildren in Israel from the Toronto area, I hope you will forgive me if I state that your article and its front-page treatment puts you exactly on a par with the Canadian media who have elected to present the PLO news so effectively on their front pages for the last 15 months.

You should know that the real difficulties our children face in Israel are the same ones that people in Toronto experience: the economy, lethal driving on the highway, and a bureaucracy learned from 1,000 years of Polish and Russian life.

Now, it seems, they also have to fight lack of appreciation, and experts in the Diaspora who secretly thank God that their children have not made aliya.

Victor Sefton
Toronto

CJN Magazine editor Wendy Rosen replies: This letter misinterprets completely the article, which examined fairly the whole thorny issue of aliya. To say that the article focussed on the Riesenbachs is also inaccurate — their story was told in less space than was any of the more positive elements. Granted they were featured on the cover, but it was a haymishe picture selected to draw people into the article.

Inside the edition, spread across the first half page was a photograph of a Soviet Jewish teenager, who was overjoyed at having his dream of living in Israel finally become reality. Included in the article was an interview with oleh Dr. Alex Deutsch, in Toronto on a 1-year sabbatical, and Joshua Fruchtman, who advises olim-to-be, as well as one man who will make aliya on May 1. To ignore the fact that, for whatever reason, Diaspora Jews do return to their birth place is to not face reality and to do a disservice to Israel and our people.

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DECRY WESTERN WALL VIOLENCE

We wish to express our shock and dismay that women who wish to pray at the Western Wall are being prevented from doing so by physical violence on the part of some members of the Israeli public and by ineffective protection from the police.

We strongly urge that the Israeli government clearly and vigorously affirm the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and direct the police to protect this right as firmly as necessary.

Rabbi Dow Marmur
(and 16 other rabbis)
Toronto

World-National

Sicarii terrorists claim responsibility for shooting

Israel police face threat of Jewish underground

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While the identity of the gunman who killed one Arab and wounded two others near Jaffa Gate last week remains a mystery, police are now facing a new danger: A Jewish underground that is no longer a theoretical threat but rather a reality which endangers the delicate balance between Jews and Arabs in the capital.

Police continued their intensive investigation into the case, after local newsmen received anonymous calls from people who identified themselves as members of the Sicarii group and who took responsibility for the attack.

The group is named after Jewish terrorists in the late Second Temple period, so-called from the dagger — "sica" in Latin — they carried to murder collaborators with the Romans.

Khaled Shawish of Jerusalem died and three others were wounded, one very gravely, when an unknown gunman opened fire with an Uzi submachine gun just before 8 p.m. last week.

The callers said the assault was a reprisal for the stone-throwing attack on Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall recently.

Moreover, one Jewish family, apparently suspected of having had ties with Arabs, received threats from callers who identified themselves with both the Sicarii group and Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement.

Rifle bullets were left at the entrance to the apartment of the family along with derogatory slogans.

At a Knesset debate, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said it was too early to tell whether this was indeed a new terrorist group, or whether the attack should be attributed to a single operator. He said all options remained open.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek called on the Israeli media not to exacerbate Arab-Israeli tensions, saying the press ought to report the facts and refrain from offering theories and interpretations likely to stir up national hatreds.

Israeli's largest circulation paper, Yediot Aharonot, reported in its headline that the assailant, who fled on foot, had been seen wearing an IDF uniform and a yarmulke.

Yediot and other media reported they had received phone calls from persons purporting to speak for the Sicarii and claiming responsibility for the shooting.

Identity of assailant said to be unknown

Shamir presents Bush with unique haggadah

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir presented to President George Bush one of three special editions of the Passover haggadah weighing more than 60 pounds that have been created by Agam, the noted Israeli sculptor and painter. The presentation on behalf of the people of Israel was at a private ceremony during Shamir's visit here.

The haggadah is composed of 58 full-color serigraphs, each in a separate sleeve, containing the text of the Passover seder service commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. Agam, who uses one name, has explained that in addition to its historical significance, the haggadah more broadly is "a testament to mankind's desire for freedom and justice."

The other two editions, a spokeswoman for Agam explained, may be given to the Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The weight results from the bindings, paper quality, the sleeves, and the art.

Natan Sharansky and other well known Soviet Refuseniks presented President Ronald Reagan with a similar haggadah that also weighs about 60 pounds but whose binding is different from the three special editions. Only 180 copies of that haggadah exist. One copy recently was reported sold at Sotheby's auction house for $24,000.

Torahs have been given to Presidents in the past. The last was to President Jimmy Carter by the World Jewish Congress.

Ottawa to initiate new citizenship act

OTTAWA —

A "revitalized" citizenship act and a new Canadian race relations foundation were among the many initiatives introduced in the federal government's recent Throne Speech.

"My government intends to emphasize the need for all Canadians to support and encourage racial harmony," Gov.-Gen. Jeanne Sauve said in outlining the Conservative government's agenda for the 2nd session of the 34th Parliament.

While stressing a need to bring the federal deficit under control, the Throne Speech said the government remains committed to providing families and the elderly with social benefits and a national child care program.

The Conservative government's previous child care bill died in Senate last fall when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called an election before it could be passed by the Upper Chamber.

In stressing the need for social benefits, Sauve said the government recognizes the need to direct more assistance towards those with low incomes.

As well as committing itself to a new child care program, the government announced that it will encourage research into diseases associated with aging and will continue its fight against AIDS and drug abuse.

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Jewish delegation meets with minister

Clark proposes continuing liaison with the CIC

By
BEN ROSE

OTTAWA —

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark has proposed an ongoing liaison with the Canada Israel Committee on initiatives the Canadian government can take to bring peace to the Middle East.

The suggestion was welcomed by a delegation of leaders of the Canadian Jewish community which met with the minister recently for 90 minutes.

Dorothy Reitman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said she was impressed that Clark himself made the proposal about continuing liaison.

"We spoke rather forcefully that the Jewish community was traumatized by the government's action on upgrading contact with the PLO and there was a great deal of anguish," Reitman said.

The CJC president said she had been at two previous meetings with Clark and this was by far the most positive.

"The minister responded point by point, it was a real dialogue and the whole ambience was good," Reitman said. "The delegation members made excellent presentations. We didn't discuss the dynamics of each proposal but nothing was turned down."

"The meeting dealt openly with the issues of the day, there were no holds barred," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, a member of the delegation.

The delegation asked that the Canadian government demand that the PLO and its various factions should renounce all acts of terror and renounce those elements of its covenant that call for the destruction of Israel.

It also asked Ottawa to insist that the PLO repudiate the "strategy of stages" in which a Palestinian state in the West Bank would be used as a launching pad aimed at the "liberation" of all of Palestine.

The delegation asked that Canada work actively to encourage Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq and other Arab countries to recognize Israel's right to exist in peace and security, and to work more actively at the UN and elsewhere to promote the development of a peace process based on direct negotiations without pre-conditions.

Sidney Spivak, president of the Canada Israel Committee and delegation chairman, said Clark, reaffirmed the government's commitment to Israel's security and to expanding bilateral relations with the Jewish state.

David Azrieli, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said the delegation had succeeded in giving the minister a true picture of the majority view of the Canadian Jewish community on recent Israel issues.

"I think he has a better understanding of our position," Azrieli said. "It was an open and candid meeting. I am very happy with it."

Other members of the delegation included Charles Bronfman, Ralph Fisher, Shimon Fogel, Anne Gross, Thomas Hecht, Gilbert Lemieux, Stephen Lipper, Herb Rosenfeld and Bob Willmot.

"Passage to Freedom" funds are divided up

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israel will receive a larger share of the $75 million being raised to aid the resettlement of Soviet Jews under an agreement hammered out last week by the Jewish Agency for Israel, the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations.

The deal was announced in a joint statement by Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors, and Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency executive.

The statement was issued after a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive convened to discuss the $75 million Passage to Freedom campaign begun earlier this year to meet the needs of Soviet Jews immigrating both to Israel and the United States.

High-level UJA and CJC officials sit on the Jewish Agency Executive.

Half goes to the U.S.

Half of the funds raised in the campaign will remain in the United States to help the hardest-hit communities resettle the thousands of Soviet Jews who have been pouring into the country this year.

The other half will be used overseas to aid the absorption of Jews in Israel, both by the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC also provides housing and other services for Soviet emigrants waiting in Rome for permission to enter the United States.

The Jewish Agency Executive agreed that the major share of the $37.5 million for overseas operations will go to Israel.

Dinitz explained that this does not mean that funds for the JDC will be cut. Instead, funds slated to go to the New York Association for New Americans will be met from the U.S. portion of the $75 million, rather than from the overseas allocation, as previously planned.

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World-National

Greyhound bus hostage heads back to "safe" Israel

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
When Rina Avissar headed back to Israel recently, she took a cab to the airport.

Avissar was taking no chances. She was one of the 11 hostages — three of them Jews — on the Greyhound bus hijacked on the way to New York and commandeered to Parliament Hill. Now the main concern for the 27-year-old ice cream factory worker from Acre was to get back to Israel, "where it's safe."

Avissar's first trip to Canada was supposed to last six weeks but she cut it short two weeks early.

Her memories won't be of tranquil lakes and majestic forests.

That's because for several very real moments during an 8-hour ordeal, Avissar was convinced she'd be the first to die.

When the alleged hijack suspect announced "I'm from Lebanon," Avissar's heart stopped. Sitting in the second row on the left, she crossed her arms and feigned nonchalance staring out the window. Inside she was panicking, "my heart going boom-boom," and she still can't fathom how she was able to outwardly be so calm.

Avissar, on her way to visit a friend for a weekend, was even carrying an Israeli passport and struggled to invent a fictitious non-Israeli-sounding name should passengers be asked where they were from.

They were, but unbeknownst to her another Israeli was on board.

Her panic turned to relief when the man, now a Montrealer, told the suspect he was from Israel and the suspect, a Lebanese Christian, greeted him as a brother and heaped praise on Israelis as friends and allies.

Rina Avissar

"He said 'I wish the Lebanese were as united as Israelis'," Avissar recalled.

In an interview with The CJN, the details of the hijacking lingered vividly, as did its effects. Avissar was able to joke, noting she did not expect to get a second tour of Parliament Hill.

But she also puffed on cigarettes nervously and said sleep has been difficult since the hijacking.

What Avissar recalled first was that the suspect had sat next to her in the bus station, appearing nervous and fidgety. He was also the last to board and headed to the rear.

About half an hour into the trip, he strode up the aisle and brandished a pistol. Avissar says he spoke cooly but was obviously nervous, apologizing as he wielded the weapon.

The bus driver's arms shook noticeably as he steered the bus towards the nation's capital. The passengers helped the driver with directions and he spoke continually about the Lebanese situation.

The tensest moments came on Parliament Hill with the bus surrounded by police.

The suspect fired three shots in all through the bus window as the hostages cowered and protected their ears. Repeatedly, he insisted he was not a terrorist and wanted only to speak to the press about his parents' desperate situation in Lebanon.

Some moments were less tranquil than others. At one instance, he motioned with his gun towards a girl from Haiti and told her to come forward. Avissar thought he might shoot her but instead he let her go, as he did two others, including a 60-year-old Jewish man from Pittsburgh and a Lebanese-born Canadian who wrote down and relayed the suspect's demands to police.

At another point he sat at Avissar's feet in the aisle. She tried to motion his location to police through the window, but its tint prevented anyone outside from peering in. Early in the trip he was haphazardly waving the pistol in her direction, and she thought it could go off.

Avissar remembered also that he engaged the Israeli-born Montrealer in frequent banter, and that he handled the suspect with the aplomb of a psychologist. Before the suspect's attitude about Israel was known the man had tried to stash away a Hebrew-language magazine.

During the crisis Avissar told the other Israeli that Israel would be handling the situation better. She was angered by the long delays by police in responding and the lack of food furnished.

She also felt the crisis might have ended if the suspect could have talked to reporters — his only demand.

But the ordeal ended as abruptly as it began.

The suspect apologized, thanked and kissed everybody as they disembarked. In case of an accomplice on board, the hostages were also frisked.

The hostages were taken to RCMP headquarters, fed, questioned, and put up at the Westin hotel. A psychologist was also called in to help prepare them for any possible traumatic effects of being held hostage.

Charles Yacoub has been charged with hostage-taking, forcible confinement, using a firearm to commit an indictable offence and illegal possession of a firearm. As of now no plea has been entered and an Ontario provincial court judge ordered a pychiatric exam to see whether he is fit to stand trial.

Avissar called her parents but did not sleep a wink that night. The next day they were returned to Montreal by limousine. Her film and the others' were kept as evidence by police.

What Avissar was looking forward to now was the security of her family. The media had been calling non-stop.

She wondered most how her boss would react. Avissar was once robbed in France, and he had told her: "Don't worry. Nothing like that happens in Canada."

Israeli electoral reforms

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The bi-partisan committee for electoral reform has decided unanimously to change Israel's electoral system to a combined one in which 60 Knesset members are elected in 20 regions, three to a region, and 60 elected in national proportional elections.

In the near future, the committee will discuss the proposal for direct election of the Prime Minister and for raising the percentage threshholds for the election of a party's first candidate. The committee will also decide on who will define the electoral regions — the committee itself or a team of three Supreme Court justices .

The committee, headed by Minister Gad Ya'acobi (Labour), includes ministers Moshe Shahal and Rafi Edri (Labor), Dan Meridor, Yitzhak Moda'i and Ehud Olmert (Likud).

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60-person squad expected to attend

Soviet Jews at Maccabi games will be a first

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the first time since the start of the Maccabiah Games in 1932, Soviet Jews will be sending a contingent to the quadrennial event in Israel.

A delegation of up to 60 Soviet Maccabi athletes, coaches and officials are expected to make the groundbreaking trip to the 13th Bar Mitzvah Games, which will run from July 3-13. They will come primarily from two new Maccabi clubs, in Moscow and Vilna, Lithuania, both of which were recently officially recognized by Soviet authorities.

In making the announcement last week, Maccabi Canada President Sidney Greenberg stated that Canada and the United States have pledged to finance the Soviet team — to the tune of $100,000 each. A fund raising campaign, in addition to the one geared to raising money for the Canadian team, is now under way.

Greenberg, who also serves as vice president of the Maccabi World Union, said he received a call a few weeks ago from Michel Grunn, MWU European chairman, who told him "there was the possibility of a breakthrough."

The two immediately flew to Moscow — just in time to take in the basketball game between Maccabi Tel Aviv and the Soviet army team — and met for two days with Soviet Maccabi officials to help clear the way for their participation in Israel.

The Soviet Jews had just received confirmation from government authorities recognizing the Maccabi groups as sports clubs.

Then, about three weeks ago, the Soviets gave permission for the local Maccabi organizations to participate in the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Greenberg said the Canadian Maccabi organization, in addition to its special fund raising effort, is planning to outfit the Soviet team with red track suits. In fact, former Torontonian Jack Ormut, who now resides in Hong Kong, is donating suits — cut from the same red cloth, Greenberg said — to both the Soviet and Canadian teams.

Meanwhile, "every two days, our representative in Belgium communicates with the Soviets and is shipping them material about the history of Jewish athletes, educational articles (as well as) books on Jewish holidays and festivals," Greenberg said.

Although the Soviets do not as yet have their own sports facilities, they are renting office space at local schools as well as obtaining access to gym facilities, he added.

It's not yet clear who will be on the Soviet team, Greenberg said, though efforts are being made to send two of the country's top-ranked wrestlers, who are members of the Soviet national team. A basketball team is also being considered and Russian folk and dance groups may also attend.

The Soviet Union will not be the only Eastern European country represented at the "Jewish Olympics" this summer. Poland, home to only a few thousand Jews, is sending a bridge team, while Hungary is planning to field its first Maccabiah Games contingent since World War II. About 40 Hungarians are expected to attend, Greenberg said.

Yugoslavia, which has sent a team before, will again take part, and representatives from Cuba, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong and Portugal are also expected. They will join the 3,500 sportsmen and women from 40 countries and 1,000 Israeli athletes at the Games.

Canada is expecting to field its biggest ever team, with up to 350 participants.

A special program being mooted by the Canadian Maccabi organizers for the upcoming "Bar Mitzvah Games" would see some of the Soviet athletes undergo a real barmitzvah for the first time, Greenberg said.

Meanwhile, the Moscow Maccabi club is planning a field day in May for approximately 1,000 Jewish children and the hope of MWU for the longer term is to provide the Soviet Maccabi organizations with their own sports centres.

To make contributions to help bring the Soviet team to Israel, contact Marci Mandel at (416) 785-5580.

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In other developments, the Maccabi Canada table tennis team was announced recently. The 4-man team consists of Rene Lewandowski of St. Bruno, Que., Thierry Karsenti of Montreal, Mitch Rothfleisch of Chomedey, Que. and Andrew Giblon of Toronto.

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Three members of the Canadian golf team have had to pull out of the bar mitzvah games: Howard Mandelbaum, Bruce Berdock and Michael Katz.

Their places will be taken by Marvin Glazier of Toronto, Jeff Helper of Winnipeg and Ron Fisher of Montreal.

Helper, 20, sports some impressive credentials. In 1987 he was Manitoba's junior golf champion while placing 8th at the Canadian junior championships.

Winner of the 1987 men's and junior men's championship at his home Glendale Golf Course, Helper tied the course record that year with a 7-under-par 64.

In 1986 he was a finalist as YMHA's Jewish athlete of the year and a year later he was also a finalist for Manitoba youth athlete of the year.

Maccabi gains ground among Lithuanian Jews

TORONTO —

Think of Maccabi in Canada, and the image of young athletes training and competing comes to mind.

But in the Soviet republic of Lithuania, participation in the renascent Maccabi sports club means much more than that. Sports is certainly a component, but more so, it gives its members a sense of pride in their Jewish heritage as well as an institutional link to other Jews around the world.

So says Dmitri Kanovich, a Lithuanian emigre now living in Toronto. Kanovich recently returned from a trip to his native Lithuania during which he was able to gauge the tremendous changes in Lithuanian society and its 14,000-strong Jewish community.

Glasnost has meant the rebirth of Lithuanian nationalist feelings, he said, and that has had an effect on Lithuanian Jews. With the approval of the nationalist Sayudis organization (Lithuanian Popular Front), the Jewish community has revived the "Lithuanian Sports Club Maccabi," which had been destroyed by the ravages of Nazism and Stalinism.

It has caught on like wildfire. Since its reestablishment on Jan. 8, more than 565 people have become involved, Kanovich said.

Considering it has no building, no gym and little equipment, the interest shown in it is telling.

In an address marking the rebirth of the sports club, Maccabi chairman Simon Finkelstein stated: "The goal of the Club Maccabi is not only to continue the Jewish sports tradition in Lithuania, but also to popularize physical culture and sports, to induce people to enjoy a healthy way of living, to form friendly relationships and contacts between all the nations residing in Lithuania and to organize cultural representations."

Dmitri Kanovich

Unlike Maccabi organizations worldwide, where a prime purpose is to forge and enhance attachments to Zionism and Israel, the Lithuanian Maccabi club does not stress the Zionist element in its program.

"It is more of a social and cultural club," said Kanovich.

It also hopes to revive the sporting tradition of Lithuanian Jews which can be traced at least back to the first Maccabi gymnastics club established in Vilna in 1916.

By 1926, Maccabi's 83 club sections boasted 4,000 members nationwide and even issued a bi-weekly newspaper. Its athletes participated in soccer, boxing, table tennis and cycling and some Maccabi athletes represented Lithuania (it was an independent state between the World Wars) in international events, including the Olympic Games.

The 1927-28 Maccabi table tennis teams were national champions and Maccabi boxers held national titles in a number of weight divisions.

Kanovich speculates that a top chess player may be on the Soviet Maccabi team that will participate in next summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel (see related article this issue).

The emotions the Maccabi club have ignited are unmistakable, he said.

"(Two) months ago I saw incredible activity in the Jewish community, especially among young people striving to reestablish the club. Most important (was) to revive the Jewish tradition in sports in the face of the renaissance of democracy and legitimacy taking place in Lithuania."

When his father, writer Jacob (or Gregory) Kanovich, suggested at its inaugural meeting Maccabi's new slogan of "Am Yisrael Chai (the people of Israel live), there was 15 minutes of applause and "people cried," he said.

"When I see my buddies, my mates, able to lift their heads and say I'm a Jew proudly...it's incredible...(People) say 'Jew' out loud and it's no longer a curse. It's lost the offensive meaning it's had for 60 years," Kanovich said.

For the Lithuanian Maccabi organizers, creating the group's infrastructure presents some difficulties. They now share 2-room premises with the Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society, so its headquarters is really just a mailing address, said Kanovich, who from 1971-77 was on the Lithuanian trap shooting team and held several junior level records.

Maccabi intends to rent sports halls at factories and schools and will solicit volunteer coaches to work with the prospective athletes. Its budget now comes from membership dues and voluntary contributions but the organization is in need of all sorts of equipment, from barbells to basketballs.

Correspondence can be sent to: Maccabi Sports Club, Lithuanian Jewish Culture Society, Partizanu 10/2, Vilnius 232024, Lithuanian SSR.

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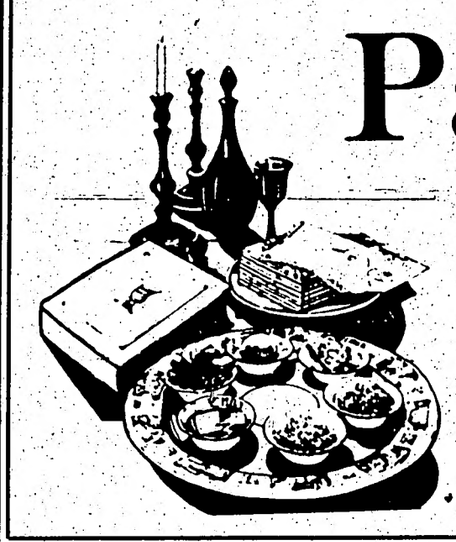

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Report on Soviet Jewry

Majority want to emigrate

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

An overwhelming majority of Soviet Jews want to emigrate from the USSR, and hundreds of thousands will likely do so in the next few years, says a secret Israel government report obtained by The Jerusalem Post.

The annual report, prepared by top government analysts on Soviet Jewry, was recently submitted to government ministries and has spurred statements by key Israel politicians and others of the need for Israel to gear itself for large-scale immigration absorption, says a Jerusalem Post Foreign Service news story.

The report says that by the end of 1989 hundreds of thousands of Jews are expected to submit new requests for exit permits. It claims the Soviet Union is now willing to allow emigration of Jews at an annual rate of 40,000 to 50,000.

The report also states that the dropout rate to the United States is increasing and that Washington likely won't be able to cope with the massive numbers of immigrants projected for the next few years.

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For the first time in more than 50 years, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is sending shipments of Passover supplies to Jewish communities in the Soviet Union, says a JDC news release.

In addition to 1,000 Haggadoth, JDC will be sending oil and powdered milk to Leningrad's synagogue to be distributed among the local Jewish community.

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A nationwide appeal on behalf of Moscow Refusenik Slava Uspensky, 20, and his new wife, Alla, who recently emigrated to Israel, has been launched by Canadian Jewish Congress' national Soviet Jewry committee.

Alla, 17, is expecting the couple's first child this spring.

During the Passover week of April 19-27, people are urged to send letters, postcards and telegrams, asking officials to reunite the couple in Israel.

Messages should be addressed to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, House of Commons, Ottawa K1A 0A6, and Alexei Rodionov, USSR Ambassador to Canada, 285 Charlotte St., Ottawa K1N 8L5.

For more information, call Carole Moscovitch, CJC national Soviet Jewry director, phone (514) 931-5731.

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Last month's historic elections in the Soviet Union could spell danger for Jews, says a former leading Leningrad Refusenik in a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

"The situation is about to deteriorate and we cannot exclude the possibility of bloodshed," Roald Zelichonok recently told Soviet Jewry activists in London.

Markham MP Bill Attewell (right) meets with Refuseniks Igor Uspensky and Vera Samoilovich during a recent trip to Moscow.

Zelichonok, who immigrated to Israel in January, said that defeated candidates and their supporters would be looking for scapegoats and "Jews are the classic scapegoats."

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Markham MP Bill Attewell recently returned from an 11-day trip to the Soviet Union.

Attewell, who met with Refuseniks and Soviet government officials in Moscow, said he found an "amazing difference" from his first trip there two years ago.

Marked change

"I'm not saying everything is a bed of roses, but I am saying there's a marked change in attitude and I think we should capitalize on that," said Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry.

Most of the 57-year-old politician's trip was spent visiting the Armenian region of Yerevan, the centre of last year's major earthquake, where he witnessed first-hand the needs of local residents and assessed how Canada's Armenian community could help.

Attewell travelled to the Soviet Union as a representative of Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

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Moscow Refusenik Boris Livshitz has received permission to emigrate, Moscow Refusenik Boris Chernobilsky recently told Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator, of Toronto, in a telephone conversation.

Boris Livshitz

Livshitz, 57, is the adopted Refusenik of National Conference for Synagogue Youth. His family includes his wife, Galina, 40, a philologist, and son, David, 16.

Moscow Refusenik Dimitry Schiglick, 60, and his wife, Rina, have also received permission to leave, said Chernobilsky, the adopted Refusenik of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

However, Rina's parents are too old to leave and she doesn't want to leave them, he said.

The Schiglicks are the adopted Refuseniks of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

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Two B'nai B'rith units have been established in the capital Baltic cities of Latvia and Lithuania, says a BB International news release.

After five decades of war, oppression and isolation, Jews in Riga and Vilna have been officially linked with their BB brethren worldwide.

The move follows the recent historic establishment of a BB unit in Moscow.

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Sister Ann Gillen, executive director of the Society of St. Stephen, an ecumenical group working for oppressed Christians, recently ended an 18-day bread and water fast, says a Toronto Sun column entitled Lifeline Letters.

Gillen fasted on behalf of four Jewish Refusenik families detained illegally in the Soviet Union, said the column written by Genya Intrator.

They included Georgiy Samoilovich, a Moscow cancer victim, who has since received permission to go to Britain for urgent treatment, and Boris Livshitz, also of Moscow, who has since received permission to emigrate.

The other Refuseniks included Vladimir Raiz, of Lithuania, whose family is adopted by Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, and Anatoly Gennis, of Moscow.

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Seek to expand newspaper's influence

Bronfman, Maxwell bid for The Jerusalem Post

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — British press magnate Robert Maxwell and Canadian businessman Charles Bronfman, head of the Claridge Group, agreed at the end of last week to make a joint offer for The Jerusalem Post, their spokesman said Sunday.

Their combined bid for 55 percent of the newspaper's shares was to be put before the present shareholders, Koor Industries, in Tel Aviv on Monday, the last day bids were accepted. The amount of their offer was not revealed.

If they win the controlling interest in Israel's only English-language daily, Maxwell and Bronfman will sign a joint agreement to the effect that all important decisions regarding the newspaper will be taken by both partners, their spokesman said.

Maxwell and Bronfman, two of the world's leading Jewish financiers, are apparently interested in developing The Jerusalem Post and expanding its influence among world Jewry.

Earlier last week, the impending sale of shares in the Jerusalem Post had editors worried that potential buyers, including Maxwell, "might prejudice the independence and character of the newspaper."

The editors' concern came as the majority shareholder in The Post, Israeli Investors Corporation, a holding of the Histadrut's giant Koor Industries conglomerate, announced its decision to sell its stake in the paper.

Maxwell, who recently purchased 30% of the shares of the afternoon Hebrew-language daily Maariv, has made no secret of his interest in the 57-year-old Post, which was founded in pre-state Palestine.

A Czechoslovak-born Jew and the chairman of Maxwell Communication Corp., Maxwell was outspokenly critical of recent coverage in Maariv and The Post of a secret intelligence report that contradicted many of the prime minister's positions.

He called the report, which said that Israeli intelligence had told the cabinet that it would have to speak to the Palestine Liberation Organization in order to end the uprising "a bunch of rubbish."

Israeli journalists were upset over the remark, which they viewed as interference with an editorially independent press.

In a front-page "Statement To Our Readers" that does not mention Maxwell or other investors by name, Post editors wrote that they are "intent on safeguarding the editorial independence and journalistic integrity of the newspaper."

As a result, they have informed Israeli Investors Corporation that "they cannot remain indifferent to a change in ownership" and "regard as inimical bids by individuals or groups which might prejudice the independence or character of the newspaper.

"The editors are seeking to ensure that ownership will be directed to hands compatible with the independence, character and Zionist purpose that have distinguished this newspaper for 57 years.

"This position of the editors has been endorsed by the editorial staff."

The financially troubled Koor, in the midst of a retrenchment and recovery program, could use the kind of cash that Maxwell and Bronfman seem willing to spend in Israel.

Maxwell paid $30 million for an 18% stake in another former Koor holding, Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., one of Israel's largest and most profitable industrial corporations.

Maxwell's Bishopsgate Investment Company preempted the Claridge group, headed by Charles Bronfman, in a race to buy the Teva Shares.

The shares were held by the Leumi and Hapoalim banks, which had bought them from Koor last year.

Maxwell has also paid $39 million for a 28% share and chairmanship of the board of Scitex, the communications technology firm.

43% against Canada upgrading PLO ties

TORONTO — Forty-three percent of Canadians are opposed to Canada upgrading the level of diplomatic relations with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

The poll, published Monday in the Toronto Star, follows the federal government's move to upgrade relations with the PLO. The recent announcement by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark also recognized Palestine's right to self-determination.

Gallup found that 35% of Canadians agree with the government's move, while 22% didn't know.

Surprisingly, the poll found the highest approval rating in Central Canada — home to the majority of Canadian Jews. In Quebec 38% agreed with the decision to upgrade relations and, in Ontario, 41% approved of the government's move.

This approval rating was even larger though in Ontario's capital — home of Canada's largest Jewish community. Forty-eight percent of Torontonians polled said they believed Canada should upgrade diplomatic ties with the PLO, while 37% disagreed. Further east, 35% of Montrealers agreed with the government's decision, while 43% opposed the move.

In Eastern and Western Canada, support for Clark's announcement was not as strong. In BC only 32% supported the government's decision and in the Atlantic and Prairie provinces, only 26% and 24%, respectively, supported the move.

The results are based on 1,037 interviews with adults April 5-8. Results based on a sample of this size are considered accurate within four percentage points, 19 times in 20.

Arab sector allocated major budget increase

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — A 43 million shekel ($25 U.S. million) increase in budget allocations for Israel's Arab sector represents "a major success under current circumstances," a prime ministerial aide said recently.

Alex Bligh, deputy advisor on Arab affairs, noted that the sector had not only held its own, but gotten a small increase, in an atmosphere of allocation slashing. But he did note that Minister without Portfolio Ehud Olmert, responsible for Arab affairs, had asked for a much larger hike in allocations.

The increased budget will go towards improving roads, sewers, water supply, and the educational system — mainly the construction of schools and additional classrooms. Other funds will go for nursery schools and community centres.

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1. **The 1989 Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund of Canada** will be held in **Montreal, Quebec** at the **Ramada Inn, 6600 Cote de Liesse Road**, on **Sunday, May 28, 1989** from **12:00 noon** to **3:00 p.m.**
2. All members of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel) Inc., are invited to submit nominations for directors and/or officers whose term of office is due to expire. Such nominations should be addressed to:
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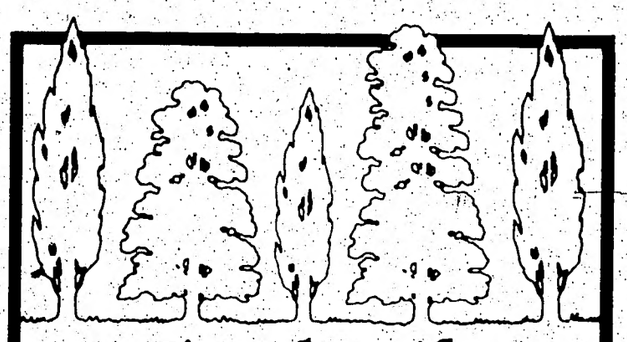

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World-National

Shamir pushes peace plans

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—prospects of enlarging the peace." Shamir, who initially opposed the accords, hailed them as "the most successful endeavor to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict."

• His third point addressed the need to solve the problem of Palestinians living in refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir said a 10-year, $1 billion international effort could provide better housing and living conditions for the 350,000 Arabs who, he said, live in the "most inhuman conditions."

Shamir stressed that this endeavor is "not to replace a political solution. It couldn't substitute for a political solution, but it could improve the climate."

• Finally, Shamir said the process of negotiations between Palestinians and Israel should begin with free and democratic elections in the territories in an effort to find negotiating partners with Israel. The conditions set for candidates to run in such an election will be subject to negotiations, he said.

The elections, he said, would lead to negotiations for a 5-year period of Palestinian self-rule in the territories. Shamir said this period would test whether peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians is possible.

After this period, negotiations would begin to determine the "permanent status of the territories." They would be conducted without pre-conditions and all proposals would be looked at, the Prime Minister said.

Shamir said his plan is designed to bring an end to the state of war with Arab governments and to find "an acceptable solution for the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs."

Meanwhile, sources in Jerusalem said that Israel and the U.S. are expected to differ over cardinal elements of Shamir's proposals for elections, including the method of elections, international supervision and the inclusion of East Jerusalem in the vote.

Shamir, who was asked in Washington to submit concrete suggestions for elections in a few weeks' time, apparently favors holding municipal elections. Shamir's advisors thus hope to skirt around the thorny issue of the participation of voters and candidates from East Jerusalem in the elections — but U.S. officials have indicated that this aspect of the blueprint is unacceptable.

According to reports reaching Jerusalem, the U.S. has also made clear that it believes that only political — and not municipal — elections would be acceptable to the Palestinians.

According to the blueprint favored by many of Shamir's advisors, the Palestinian negotiating team would be selected from among the victors of the municipal elections.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, opposes municipal elections, claiming that they would produce PLO control of cities in the territories — without any guarantee that negotiations would succeed. Thus, according to one of the scenarios proposed by Shamir's advisors, the victors of these elections would not, in fact, be allowed to take up their municipal offices, but only to negotiate over the interim arrangement of self-rule.

Shamir insisted that the PLO would not play any role in elections because it opposes interim agreements proposed by Israel. The PLO has instead called for the creation of a Palestinian state, which Israel opposes.

He also maintained that Israel would not enter into even indirect negotiations with the PLO through the U.S., which last December established its own dialogue with the PLO.

Israel aware of election problems

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Israel and the PLO are each caught in a dilemma. Israel wants elections in the territories, to bypass its rejection of the PLO as a possible negotiating partner. However, Israeli leaders are well aware that free elections would give legitimacy to pro-PLO representation.

At the same time, whereas the PLO leadership regards such elections as an Israeli attempt to keep the organization out of the political game, it recognizes that elections could give the organization legitimacy, as it appears certain that PLO supporters would emerge the victors.

Visiting the Congo last weekend, PLO leader Yasser Arafat said he would agree to the elections if the Israel Defence Force withdrew from the territories, and if the elections were held under international supervision.

Leaflet 38 of the "Unified National Leadership of the Uprising," categorically rejects Shamir's plan.

"The Unified Leadership declares its absolute rejection of Shamir's plan, which includes holding elections under occupation, and is aimed at undermining the uprising and questioning the legitimacy and uniqueness of the representative of our people," the leaflet says.

Meanwhile, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization's second-largest faction said last week that his group's attacks against Israel will not only continue but intensify.

Speaking in Damascus, George Habash said his Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine will attack Israelis in the territories and within Israel's borders.

Shamir rejects Palestinian state

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —.

Israel "would cease to exist" if a Palestinian state were established in the territories because of the dangers involved, Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last week.

Speaking to North American Jewish communal leaders via a closed circuit television hookup from Washington, Shamir categorically ruled out the possibility of such a state.

Only a few days earlier, Shamir had wound up meetings with U.S. President George Bush, who lent lukewarm support to Shamir's 2-point peace proposal: that Palestinians in the territories hold free elections to choose representatives who would negotiate with Israel for limited interim rule, and to talk about the permanent status of the West Bank and Gaza.

Before answering questions from the various Federations, Shamir said he'd had "a serious exchange of views" with Bush, as well as with Vice-President Dan Quayle and Secretary of State James Baker.

Only a few days before Shamir's arrival in Washington, Bush met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Bush had cautiously endorsed the concept of an international peace conference, which Shamir opposes, and called on Israel to end its "occupation" of the territories.

Nevertheless, Shamir said he was "very pleased" with his Washington visit and added several times that the administration has "accepted" his views.

Shamir called his formula for peace "sufficient . . . We are willing to negotiate without any preconditions. (The plan) gives any party the right to propose anything it wishes."

The Prime Minister was tight-lipped when asked by Toronto Jewish Congress president Herb Rosenfeld whether Israel would talk to representatives of the PLO, should any be chosen in a free election.

"I cannot say anything about that," Shamir said. "We will establish a committee to work out the necessary details."

Asked by another caller whether rumors were true that some high-level Israelis were negotiating with the PLO, Shamir said the rumors are "baseless. There is no contact between Israel and the PLO." He repeated that when one caller said Israel was indirectly negotiating with the PLO because its chief ally, the U.S., recently opened talks with the organization in Tunis.

Shamir said he'll press on with plans to hold free elections even though Palestinian leaders have rejected the idea. "No one expected the Palestinians to accept our proposals right away. They'll have to think about it. There's a good chance they'll accept, especially if the United States uses its influence. Many Palestinians are watching for something to end their difficulties."

However, he stressed that no elections will be held until the 16-month-old intifada ends. "Elections cannot be held in violence. The violence must stop."

Shamir called his peace plan "risky. But sometimes you have to take risks for peace." Several times, he unequivocally ruled out any "land for peace" deal.

On other matters, Shamir said Israel is preparing for a large influx of Jews from the Soviet Union, responding to a question from Dodo Heppner, past president of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal. But he added that he's worried many Soviet Jews will go to the West rather than to Israel.

And he said that Israel must win the public relations battle and regain public opinion on its side.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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BRASELITEN

Mrs. Rose BRASELITEN, of Montreal, wonders about the origin of her husband's unusual surname. The family originated in DROHOWICE, a village in southwestern Poland. I can find no town, village or hamlet with the name BRASELITEN. The closest I can find are BRZOSLOWA and BRZEZIALAKA, which are in the general neighborhood. There is also a BRASLAVAS in Lithuania.

There are many place names that begin with BRZ, but I find it difficult to breeze through them.

Since writing the above, I received a letter from Sam Honig, of Windsor, Ont., who was kind enough to point out that BRZOZA is Polish for birch tree and that it is the root of many place names, perhaps including BRASELITEN.

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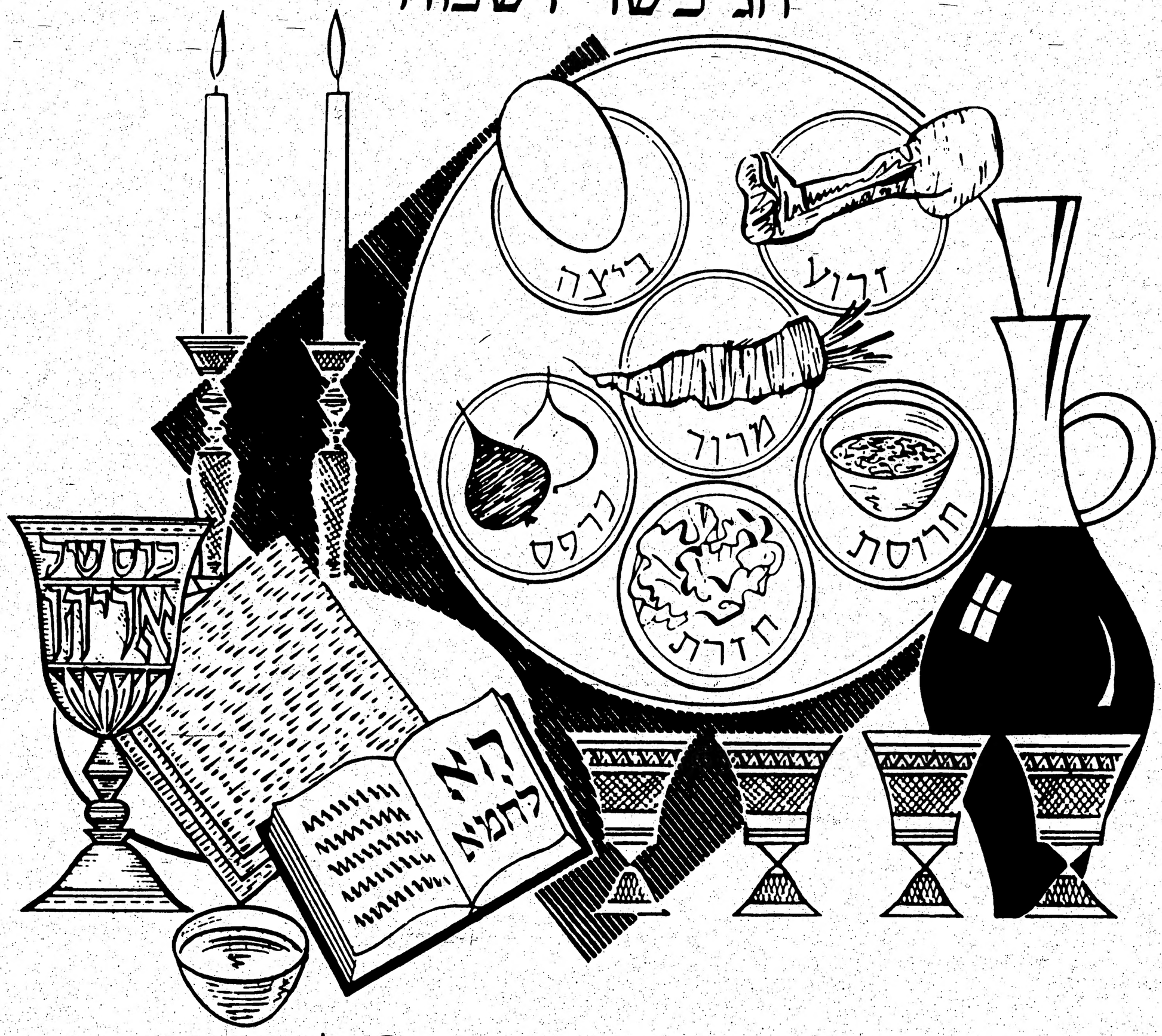

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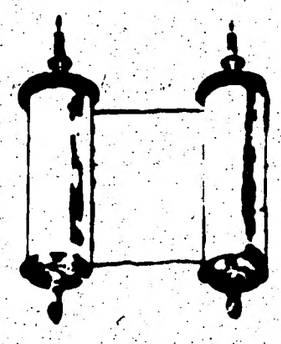

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Pesach 5749 / May we see the Redemption soon!

Pesach we announce — "kol dichfin yaitay vi'yeichal — Whoever is hungry should come and eat!"

A poor man came to Reb Yoshe Ber with a "shaaloh" — (rabbinic question). Could he use milk instead of wine for the Passover seder?

Rabbi Gottesman

"Are you ill?" asked Reb Yoshe Ber. "No," responded the man, "but I cannot afford wine this year."

Despite the man's refusal, Reb Yoshe Ber pressed a large bill into his hand, finally agreeing that the gift was just a loan.

After the man left, Reb Yoshe Ber's rebbitzen asked why he had given such a large sum. "Wine doesn't cost that much!" she insisted.

"Yes," explained Reb Ber, "but if he was going to use milk for the sederit it means he couldn't afford any chicken either!"

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Some people have closed doors, closed hearts, and closed minds. On Pesach we throw open the doors.

"Hau lachma anyah! — This is the bread of affliction that our forefathers ate in Egypt!" But why do we give a whole speech before inviting the poor guest? Why not just invite?

We want to encourage the guest who sits at our table. The host sits at his own table, surrounded by his family, his home, his flowers, his sparkling silverware. The guest may be a poor guest, a broken person, saddened that he is a visitor at the table of others.

"No, no," we reassure him, we encourage him. "We also were once poor guests. In fact, "Hau lachmo any!" This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in Egypt. We too were once poor guests. We were able to free ourselves from poverty and loneliness . . . so can you!"

But what language do we use — Aramaic. Why Aramaic? There are two answers — one the real one, and the other more cynical. The real reason we use Aramaic is that it was the lingua franca, and we want everyone to understand.

The other reason — explains Rabbi Tzvi Yechezkel Michaelson humorously — is that there are those who make the announcements but don't mean it. They welcome everyone to their table, but they put a triple look on the door, lest, Heaven forbid, someone takes them seriously and really tries to enter the house!

But, there is always a "danger," that an angelic guest who cannot be barred by any locks might try to enter. Maybe an angel will glide through the barred door, just as angels visited Abraham on Passover. So the "invitation" is delivered in Aramaic which, teach our rabbis, angels cannot understand.

What type of invitation do we proclaim? What is in our hearts? How do we feel about our brother and sister Jew? Do we have the doors to our hearts locked? Do we say about another Jew, "Ah, that is not a real Jew, he's not religious enough." That is a great sin — every Jew is precious to the Almighty. Do we look at someone wearing a long, black coat and say, "Ah, he is too Orthodox, he isn't like me." That is also a sin — we need every type of Jew. We need to help and love each other, we have to stand shoulder to shoulder against the waves rising higher and higher against us.

"Kol dichfin! Kol Ditzrich! Whoever is hungry! Whoever is in need!" We are all hungry for Redemption! We all need each other!

May this Passover bring peace among all Jews. Shabbat Shalom, Chag Kasher v'sameach!

Beth Jacob plan clears hurdle

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Urging a quick start to the new school for the overcrowded Beth Jacob Elementary School for Girls, Trustee Bob Churchill said recently they are learning in a "disgraceful environment."

"When it is passed by this Board (North York Board of Education) I hope Olympia & York will dig day and night so these young ladies will have a better learning environment," Churchill said.

The Board's standing committee (consisting of the whole Board) unanimously approved the proposed $10 million dollar school on the site of the old Saranac public school.

The school faces one more hurdle — approval by the entire Board April 17 — which is expected to be a formality.

Acceptance of the Olympia & York plan, under which the North York Board can buy back the building in 15 years and which, in any event, reverts to ownership by the Board in 35 years, was moved by Trustee Elsa Chandler, in whose ward it is located.

Chandler said financial details of the lease will remain private, as they do under Board policy, and the approval is subject to final negotiations on the building design, site coverage, and traffic solutions.

Negotiations between Olympia & York and the Board staff will be monitored by two trustees.

"We'll be involved in a great many unique projects such as this in the future," said Trustee Mae Waese. "We must come to a decision."

Applauding the proposal, Trustee Gerri Gershon said: "We have a symbiotic relationship with the Orthodox school because under this proposal we both will get to use it."

Philip Reichmann, of Olympia & York, who attended the meeting, said he was "delighted" with the standing committee's approval.

Also attending on behalf of the Beth Jacob school were Bernard Fuerst of the school's board and Joshua Norman of its administrative staff.

There is still considerable space left in the other public schools in her ward if a reversal in the population decline necessitates it, Chandler said.

"I had to close five schools in this ward, the only trustee who had this many to close," she said.

Mount Sinai Hospital helps pass urinary stones

TORONTO —

Patients who have urinary stones need to stay in Mount Sinai Hospital only overnight since the use of a laser lithotripsy procedure began.

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Group home members plant trees for BBW

TORONTO —

Twenty boys from the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada Group House in Jerusalem recently planted trees purchased in their honor by members of Orah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada.

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Congress consultant says:

Intermarriage up but still below other groups

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Despite the fact that intermarriages have reached a high of 25% and are still increasing, the rate is still lower in the Jewish community than in other ethnic groups who arrived in Canada at the same time.

This was stated recently by Stuart Schoenfeld, professor of sociology at York University, at a panel on the subject at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. He was a consultant to the task force set up by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, which has just issued its report.

The co-chairman of that task force, Toronto businessman Eli Rubinstein, another member of the panel, said its report was criticized for different reasons by secularists, the Reform movement and the Orthodox community.

As an Orthodox Jew himself, Rubinstein said he was most surprised by the Orthodox reaction to the report which was that Jews do not need to be promised benefits to avoid intermarriage, that it is G-d's mandate that they do.

Secularists objected to the notion that Judaism is a viable option in today's society, the co-chairman said, while Reform members did not object to the mention of religion but they did to what they perceived to be its "absolutism."

Rubinstein said he had difficulty with the Orthodox argument. "However," he said, "It is not relevant. The majority of Jews who intermarry are not Orthodox, they are secularists. You won't have much success in winning these people over by telling them that it is what G-d commands."

Intermarriage is more likely in marriages that follow divorce, Schoenfeld said, and men are more likely to intermarry than women but the difference is fast disappearing.

In 1968, he said, 28% of Canadians did not approve of a Jew marrying a non-Jew, but by 1978 this had fallen to 21% and by 1987 it fell to 10%.

Charles Zaionz, Ontario Region chairman, who moderated the panel said intermarriage is one of the most serious problems facing "our own community and in the Diaspora on every continent. If we don't come to grips with it the survival of the Jewish people in the long run is at stake."

Congress has already started the process of carrying out the recommendations of the task force, Zaionz said.

A growing number of Canadians look upon themselves as Canadians, without reference to their ethnic backgrounds, Schoenfeld said.

One factor in intermarriages is the residential dispersal of Jewish families, Schoenfeld said, mentioning that 7,000 Jews, including himself, live south of Davenport Rd., where many are not affiliated with a synagogue.

On the other hand, he said, factors against intermarriage include the fact that many Jews work at the same occupations, the strength of Jewish institutions which is the envy of other ethnic groups and the fact that 50% of all Jewish children in school in Toronto are in Jewish day schools.

Other immigrant groups are more apt to be assimilated than Jews, he said, and Jews are still more resistant to mixed marriages.

Intermarriage in the Jewish community before the 1950s was relatively rare, he said but the number increased in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

By 1981, 7.6% of Jewish families were the result of mixed marriages, Schoenfeld said.

Listing different types of intermarriage, Schoenfeld said in only one out of 10 such marriages does the Jew convert to Christianity, while the most frequent pattern is the non-Jew converting to Judaism. In about 15% of intermarriages, religion is not of any importance to the couple.

"In these cases each parent will monitor the religious identification, they'll give children something of both, but they won't talk about the problem because it threatens their marriage."

However, he said, the children of such a marriage have less than a three out of 10 chance of becoming Jews.

Asked about statistics on intermarriages, Schoenfeld said their study revealed about 100 conversions a year in Reform temples, but figures were not available from the Conservative or Orthodox.

Of all the minority groups he has studied, he said Jews have the lowest rate of intermarriage. And a Jewish marriage is less likely to end up in divorce.

Rubinstein referred to Phoenix and Denver as "the intermarriage capitals of the world." In an effort to change the situation, the Denver Jewish community is delivering gifts, such as JNF tree certificates or Jewish calendars, in a non-threatening way, to mothers in hospitals. "So far the plan has been well received," Rubinstein said, "and most people send thank-you notes."

Schoenfeld said Orthodox rabbis in Toronto are apprehensive that they will not be able to accommodate all the non-Jews who want to convert, especially since some studies have shown that 70% of the non-Jews in a mixed marriage are ready to be converted, including conversions after marriage.

LCBO lists expanded

TORONTO —

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario recently announced expansion of its kosher products for Passover.

The augmented selection includes dry and semi-dry table wines from Israel, Ontario, France, Hungary, United States as well as some special liqueurs and spirits, said an LCBO spokesman.

In response to an increasing consumer demand in recent years, the LCBO increased the availability of kosher products throughout its stores and established a kosher product centre in Toronto at its Lawrence Plaza outlet, 502 Lawrence Ave. W. (phone 789-5901).

In addition, a wide selection of kosher products is available at the Bathurst Manor Plaza LCBO store, 221 Wilmington Ave. (phone 633-8220).

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Organizations and People

Chai Tikvah helps ex-mental patients

Group offers support system

TORONTO —

The Chai Tikvah Foundation is helping to meet a desperate need in Toronto for former Jewish adult psychiatric patients to find a support system that would enable them to re-enter and be productive in society.

The Foundation was founded by a group of parents whose adult sons or daughters had received psychiatric help, says executive director Rochelle Goldman. Rabbi Joseph Kelman of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue assisted in its initial endeavors.

Under the umbrella of The Reena Foundation, Chai Tikvah reached a milestone in July, 1983, with the opening of The Jerry Turk Fellowship Home in the City of North York. The home was dedicated in memory of the late son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Turk. Their generosity was instrumental in its purchase.

In June, 1987, Chai Tikvah left The Reena Foundation to become a separate entity. The operational funding has been provided by the Ontario ministry of health.

The purpose of Chai Tikvah is to provide community-based supportive housing to adult users of mental health services, Goldman said. This is done in an environment which retains and develops their Jewish cultural identity. The present home houses eight residents with a 24-hour staff support network.

The program aims at assisting the members in improving their abilities to care for themselves within the community, the executive director said. Kosher dietary laws are kept and Sabbath and Jewish holidays are observed. Members share responsibilities in the house, such as cooking, cleaning, and shopping. The shoppers of a particular week also do the menu planning for that week. These chores help the residents build self-esteem and confidence, and improve social interactions with family and friends.

As part of the program, members must be involved in outside activities for at least four hours daily. Some have jobs, others do volunteer work or go out to various programs in the community. Every Monday there is a house meeting at which members and staff can bring up problems or raise questions relating to the running of the house.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman (right), member of Chai Tikvah's board, affixes a mezzuzah to the organization's new offices. Joining him are (from left) Rochelle Goldman, executive director, Aron Pervin, president, and Ron Smith, vice-president.

The warm and friendly atmosphere at Chai Tikvah makes it easy to socialize in the house and form valuable friendships, Goldman said. Members go out together to the movies or dinner. Parties are organized for various occasions such as Chanukah and Purim and residents participate in baking cookies, putting up decorations, preparing music and dancing.

The highlight of each summer is a camping trip, usually to a lakefront campsite. Here, the residents relax in a pastoral setting away from the daily pressures of the city. They enjoy walks along the beach, cooking on an open fire and telling stories. These activities help the members to enrich their social lives.

Social and living skills are learned — valuable assets for anyone, helping members function more easily in society. Residents who have graduated from the 24-hour support home are now residing in a less supervised setting, living and working in a more productive lifestyle.

Goldman said Chai Tikvah is unique because there are no other programs in Canada which provide a Jewish environment for psychiatrically disabled adults. The Foundation has received inquiries and referrals from across Canada and the United States.

The Jewish population is growing in the Toronto area. At present the existing eight beds cannot possibly accommodate the requirements of the community, the Chai Tikvah official said. A recent study showed that if four more homes were added to the agency these homes would be filled immediately, she added.

The 13-member board of directors of the Chai Tikvah Foundation is working to find ways and means of expanding the services and facilities. In July, 1988, a new chapter evolved with the opening of Chai Tikvah's new offices, located at 404 Steeles Ave. W. in Thornhill, allowing the administrative endeavors to function outside the group home.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or making a charitable donation should call Rochelle Goldman at 886-6520.

Detecting heart disease at birth coming—MD

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Predicting at birth when heart disease is likely to occur, so it may be prevented, is not a pipe dream, it's just a few steps down the road, thanks to genetic research.

This is the belief of Dr. Michael Sole, 49, head of the newly opened centre for cardiovascular research at Toronto General Hospital.

"The next 10 years will be unbelievable," the molecular biologist declared.

Being able to prevent heart disease, or to treat it much earlier, has a special meaning for him. His father, Fred Sole, dropped dead from a heart attack at age 59.

Sole and Dr. C. C. Liew, co-director of the centre's molecular biology unit, are the first to isolate and crack the genetic code that causes the heart to contract.

He said research into how the gene involved turns on and off may lead to finding ways to get damaged hearts to heal themselves by replacing dead muscle with new tissue.

At the moment, the causes of 50% of heart disease cases are unknown and this means there is a rich field to be explored, Sole said.

To this end, the centre has gathered 30 internationally known scientists

Dr. Michael Sole

to its staff, and this with 30 associates and 150-160 support staff of nurses and technicians, plus state-of-the-art equipment, makes it the only heart disease research unit of its kind in Canada.

Half the money raised and pledged for the centre's operation is from Jewish individuals and Jewish-owned companies, Sole said, adding that this has reinforced his belief that the Jewish community, because of its tradition of tzedekah, gives generously to Jewish causes.

As a Jew himself, Sole said he finds it interesting that the Toronto General, which at one time had very few Jews on its staff, now has a medical staff one-third Jewish, a cardiology staff one-third Jewish, and a high number of Jews in its administration.

He said heart researchers are on a new frontier which will result in progress against the two main causes of death, atherosclerosis, (blockage of blood vessels) and heart failure and enlargement. Many of these advances will come from understanding the genetic regulation of the heart.

The gains against heart disease are impressive, he said, noting that the number of cases has dropped 40% in the last 40 years, owing to advances in medicine and lifestyle. But it is still the biggest killer in Canada, taking 80,000 lives a year.

More than 300,000 Canadians suffer from heart or blood vessel disease, and the cost of treating these cases is $4 billion, a quarter of the total cost of illness in Canada.

Sole is a consultant and collaborator with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, New York, and the centre here at TGH has a 5-year grant of $750,000 for its research from the National Institute of Health in Washington.

Sole has given several lectures at Israeli medical schools on the brain-heart relationship and three years ago, he had Dr. Shlomo Yehuda from Bar Ilan Universtiy here for a year as a visiting scientist.

Torah for Chabad House

By
STEPHEN GARDNER

LONDON, Ont. —

More than 150 people participated in a procession to celebrate the University's Chabad House acceptance of a Sefer Torah.

The Torah scroll was donated to the Chabad House by Joseph Horowitz, a long-time and prominent member of London's Jewish community. This Sefer Torah is special in another way in that it was one which survived destruction by the Nazis during World War II. It was later sent in sections to New York, and in 1950, it was there that the Torah was purchased by Horowitz.

The procession of the Sefer Torah took place in a torch-lighted ceremony that began at the Alumni House residence on campus. With the courtesy of the City of London police, the Torah, carried by both Block and Horowitz, was escorted to its final destination at the Chabad House at 216 Bernard Ave.,

Dr. Yitzhak Block, president of Chabad House, stated, "this is the first time in my memory that this kind of ceremony has ever taken place in London."

He described the special ritual in comparison to a Jewish wedding. "The Torah compares to the bride while the Jewish people compare to the bridegroom," Block said. "As the husband and wife are united as one, so is the Torah and the Jewish people."

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Quebec CJC head opposes public protests

Rethink policy on Soviet Jews: Hershon

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Having barely accepted the gavel from Morton Bessner, the new Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region chairman admits she has already ruffled a few feathers.

Goldie Hershon, whose introduction to Jewish organizational activity 10 years ago was through the Soviet Jewry movement, has stated clearly that public demonstrations on behalf of Jews wishing to emigrate are a thing of the past, unless the changes taking place in the Soviet Union are reversed.

Hershon said the Jewish community cannot continue the same approach while thousands of Jews are being permitted to emigrate and those choosing to stay have greater freedom than ever before for cultural and religious expression.

This does not mean, Hershon emphasized in an interview, that CJC should not be vigilant and continue to lobby for the release of Refuseniks, but it should do so through governmental and diplomatic channels and by specific case.

At this time, Hershon believes the Jewish community should be concentrating on doing what it can to help Soviet Jews retain or discover their Jewish heritage.

The Simcha Torah rally, which annually see a couple of thousand Montreal Jews marching to the Soviet consulate should be turned into a joyous occasion, such as a festival in the park, and not a time for placard-waving and slogans.

"Simcha Torah should be a happy occasion, yet we should not forget."

Hershon says the CJC Soviet Jewry Committee in Montreal agrees with her, but others do not, notably the Group of 35s, a women's organization which has steadfastly demonstrated for the rights of Soviet Jews over the years, and its chairman Barbara Stern, who is also chairman of CJC's Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

On April 24, the 35s has scheduled its annual Third Seder outside the Soviet consulate.

Hershon was chairman of the Quebec Region Soviet Jewry committee form 1981-86, and served as liaison to the international group of parliamentary spouses for Soviet Jewry which met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher a few years ago at 10 Downing St.

Hershon is not by nature one who seeks controversy. In fact, she expects to delegate much of her duties to officers and committee chairmen over her 3-year term. "I'm not going to be a 1-woman show."

Hershon (nee Libman) grew up in the Park Ave. district, the daughter of immigrants and her first language was Yiddish. She attended United Talmud Torahs and Herzliah High School, and later became a nursery school teacher. She also received a certificate in family life education at Concordia University and took intensive French courses at McGill University.

She has devoted most of her life to being a wife and mother and volunteer. Her husband, Sheldon, is president of Robin International, a children's wear manufacturer, and past president of Congregation Beth Tikvah. They have two children: David, 24, best known as the chairman of JAPS (Jewish Adult Programming Society), a young adults club; and Cindy, 25, a social worker, who will soon be leaving for Israel with her husband.

The Hershon family, which is Orthodox, moved from Dollard des Ormeaux to Hampstead seven years ago.

Hershon is a member of the Federal Human Rights Tribunal and chief returning officer for the Mount Royal riding. She has been a member of the Allied Jewish Community Services board of trustees since 1983 and is chairman of this year's Combined Jewish Appeal Super Sunday.

A trim woman who will not reveal her age, Hershon's favorite pastime is her daily morning aerobics at the Y. "I've told Congress, there'll be no meetings before 9.30 a.m."

As Quebec chairman, she will play a key role on the Lithwick task force, studying the structure and priorities of CJC, once negotiations resume. She said she had not read the Lithwick report yet, but she is firm that CJC must remain the spokesman for the Quebec Jewish community on matters of public policy to government and in inter-community relations.

Otherwise, she sees the thrust of the report (CJN, April 6) as a "step forward" and feels her perspective as a lay leader of both AJCS and CJC gives her an advantage.

One thing is certain, Hershon does not share Morton Bessner's pessimism about the Jewish future in Quebec. "I don't see the doom and gloom. We're here to stay. Both my kids are bilingual and my husband just opened a new building. We feel comfortable.

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Fete for Nathanson

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg community leader Monte Nathanson will be honored by the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University at a tribute dinner May 18 at the Westin Hotel.

The dinner marks the culmination of the Winnipeg Friends' drive to establish The Monte Nathanson Division of Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Current research projects at the new division include a comparative study of the Zionist idea in contemporary Jewish education systems, the teaching of Israel and contemporary Jewry in Mexico and Jewish education and identification in Australia. The division will also establish a data bank on programs for teaching Jewish studies throughout the world.

Nathanson, a native of Winnipeg, was instrumental in transforming the Jewish Welfare Fund into the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and served as the council's president for two years. He is a former president of the Winnipeg Friends and an associate governor of the Hebrew University.

Monte Nathanson

Raymond Kives chairs the tribute planning committee.

Contributors of $2,500 or more will be acknowledged on a special plaque in the Institute of Contemporary Jewry. For further information, call the Winnipeg Friends at (204) 942-3085.

Rabbis sign protest

TORONTO —

Seventeen rabbis have signed a statement protesting the treatment of women praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and asking the Israeli government to provide police protection.

It was signed by Rabbis Deborah Brin, Erwin Schild, W. Gunther Plaut, Dow Marmur, J. Benjamin Friedberg, Lawrence Troster, Samuel Weintraub, Jordan Pearlson, Michael S. Stroh, Arthur Bielfeld, Bernard Baskin, Daniel Gottlieb, Steven Garten, John Moscowitz, Ned Soltz, Ed Goldfarb and David Azen.

"We strongly urge that the Israeli government clearly and vigorously affirm the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and direct the police to protect the right as firmly as necessary," the statement said.

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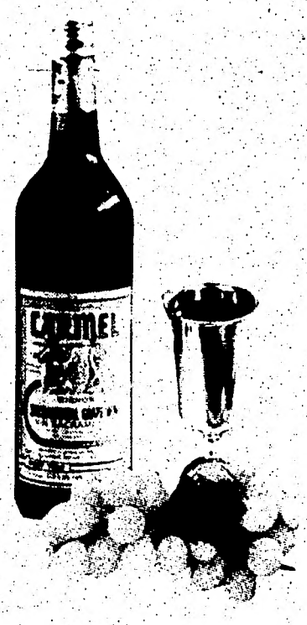

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Friday, April 21

KOL NASHIM CONCERT

For the first time in Hamilton, a group of women cantors are gathering together in concert for the Shabbat Shira service on Friday evening, April 21, at Temple Anshei Sholom, 215 Cline Ave. N., Hamilton.

The six women of Kol Nashim (Voice of Women) are **Elizabeth Bolton**, Temple Emanu-El; **Esther Ghan-Firestone**, Congregation Habonim; **Phyllis Angel Greenberg**, Congregation Darchei Noam; Lis Manson, Shaarei Beth-El; **Linda Segal**, Beach Hebrew Congregation, and **Ruth Slater**, Temple Anshe Sholom.

The accompnaist will be **Amy Gilbert**, director of music, Temple Emanu-El.

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

On Friday, April 21, from 2-3 p.m., concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear in a happy musical hour at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St.

The program will feature traditional Jewish, Hebrew and semi-classical music. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, April 22

PLAGUES ON OUR ENVIRONMENT

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, an egalitarian, participatory community, announces that on the third day of Passover, Saturday, April 22, **Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi** will be leading a learning session on We are the Pharoahs Who Brought 10 Plagues on Our Environment.

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi is a founder of the New Age Jewish Renewal Movement which attempts to synthesize Jewish tradition with 20th century ethical values and issues. He is also the author of The First Step and Fragments of a Future Scroll. He will participate in davening each morning for the first days of Passover.

Services begin at 9.30 a.m. at the Zionist Centre, 3rd floor, 788 Marlee Ave. For more information about the group, programs and membership, call **Rabbi Sam Weintraub** at 925-2737.

Sunday, April 23

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

On the eve of the 46th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, April 23, the Workmen's Circle, together with the Jewish Labor Bund, Workmen's Circle E.S. Division, and the Jewish Labor Committee, will mark the date at a memorial to the Six Million.

The program will include appropriate readings and recitations, music, short addresses in Yiddish and English, and the lighting of six ceremonial candles.

Guest speaker will be **Prof. Adele Reinhartz**, who teaches at McMaster University in the area of Judaism and Christianity in the Greco Roman World. Also on the program will be singer **Jennie Eisenstein** accompanied by **Faigel Krolitsky** at the piano, and public personalities.

The gathering will take place at 8 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Auditorium, 471-3 Lawrence Ave. W. For further information, call the Workmen's Circle at 787-2081.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn) invites you to hear **Hugh Innis**, program director, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, speak on The Meaning of Life on Sunday, April 23, at 2.30 p.m.

Admission is $1.50 members, $2 non-members and includes Passover refreshments.

ART AUCTION

On Sunday, April 23, Adath Israel Sisterhood and Brotherhood are sponsorung their annual Art Auction in conjunction with Beaux Art, featuring Canadian and Israeli art.

Preview is at 6.30 p.m. followed by the auction at 8.

Adath Israel is located at 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview. Admission is $5 and everyone is welcome.

Monday, April 24

STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL

A meeting is being held Monday, April 24, to inform people about the New Israel Fund study tour to Israel set for June 15-29. The guest speaker will be **Rabbi Simka Weintraub**, tour leader and director of public education for the New Israel Fund.

The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. at First Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave. It is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

For information, call NIF at 785-1707.

Tuesday, April 25

PEACE THROUGH WORLD LAW

Peace Through World Law is the topic of the lecture **Jennie Hatfield-Lyon**, adjoint professor of international law, Queen's University, will be giving on Tuesday, April 25, at the University of Toronto.

The lecture is free and takes place at 8 p.m. in Room 179, University College, 15 King's College Circle. For further information, call **Eric Fawcett** at 978-5217.

Wednesday, April 26

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR ART WORK

The North York Arts Council is sponsoring a lecture on Photographing Your Art Work with instructor **Len Passarello** on Wednesday, April 26, from 7-9 p.m. at C.W. Jefferys Secondary School, 340 Sentinel Rd.

For registration, call NYAC at 225-4486.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE LECTURES

The Workmen's Circle cultural committee series of 12 weekly lectures, held in conjunction with the North York Board of Education, features Yiddish and English lecturer **Prof. Emanuel Goldberg**.

Following the first four lectures which were given in Yiddish, the series begins the English sessions on Wednesday, April 26, with The French Revolution of 1789-1799: Its Impact on Modern History.

Lectures are held at 10 a.m. at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471-3 Lawrence Ave. W. For further information, contact the WC at 787-2081.

DISABLED PERSONS MEETING

Disabled Persons Working Together (DPWT) is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 26, at the Chestnut Park Hotel, 108 Chestnut St., beginning at 5 p.m.

RSVP by calling **Dan** at 767-4444.

Thursday, April 27

JEWS FOR A JUST PEACE

Join Jews for a Just Peace for an all-women silent vigil to protest the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza on Thursday, April 27, and every second Thursday, from 5.30-6.30 p.m. in front of the Israeli consulate, 180 Bloor St. W.

For information, call 537-8304 or 927-9387.

CITRON TO BE HONORED

A meeting of the steering committee of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, was held recently at the home of Marilyn and Jack Rotenberg to plan the State of Israel Bonds tribute dinner in honor of Sabina Citron, taking place in September. In attendance was Isser Harel, founder of Israel's Mossad, who is seen with (from left) Marilyn Rotenberg, Sylvia Shawn, Women's Division chairman; Helen Smolack and Sabina Citron.

And What Else Is New...

LITERARY-MUSICAL EVENING

An evening of contemporary Canadian Yiddish poetry is set for Wednesday, May 3, at 7.30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St.

The speakers are **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** and **Sam Simchovitch** and the Yiddish musical-artistic program includes poet **Nathan Garnick** and **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** and **Cantor Joseph Cooper.** A reception will follow.

This program is sponsored by the Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library of Beth Tzedec. Admission is free.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is planning a Kesher Shabbaton in Kingston the weekend of April 28-30. Anyone in grades 9-13 who is interested, may call the NCSY office at 782-4426.

Also, a regional convention for grades 9-13 will take place Victoris weekend, May 19-22, at Camp Reena, Orangeville.

Anyone still interested in going to Israel this summer should contact NCSY regarding the Israel seminars.

ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The Young Adults Division of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel is celebrating Israel's 41st anniversary, Yom Ha'atzmaut, on Tuesday, May 9, at 8.30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Fischstein Hall, 100 Elder St.

The program will feature an entertainment group from the Israel Defence Forces as well as IDF officers, plus **Noam Eisen** and his orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are $18 per person and are available through the Association office at 783-3053.

A VISITING SCHOLAR WEEKEND

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committe and Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University are presenting A Visiting Scholar Weekend Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, with **Rabbi Maurice Lamm**, founder-director of the National Institute for Jewish Hospice and author of The Jewish Way of Love and Marriage and of The Jewish Way of Death and Mourning.

On Saturday morning, May 6, Rabbi Lamm will deliver the Shabbat services drasha.

On Sunday morning at 10, the rabbi will speak on The Creative Illusion Behind Jewish Survival. And at 8 p.m. there will be a public lecture entitled Three Surprises in the Laws of Jewish Marriage.

The synagogue is located at 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact **Elaine** at the synagogue office at 789-3213.

THE APOCRYPHA: AN INTRODUCTION

Plan now to attend Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee's special spring program entitled The Apocrypha: An Introduction, a 4-lecture series by **Prof. Judith Siegel**, professor of classics, York University.

The series starts off on Wednesday, May 3, with Tales of the Fantastic: Bel and the Dragon, and continues on May 10 with Tales of Wisdom: Manassah; on May 31 with Tales of Heroism: Maccabees I and II, and on June 7 with Women as Heroes: Judith and Suzanna.

All classes are at 8 p.m. For further information, call **Elaine** at the synagogue office at 789-3213.

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If you are 55 and over, you are in need of a hobby. There are few hobbies more pleasant and satisfying than singing. So why not join a performing choir? The JCC Singers welcomes new voices. To read music is not a prerequisite.

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To book the choir and for further information, call the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

SPRING SPA WEEKEND

The Jewish Camp Council announces a new

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The cost of $200 per person, double occupancy, includes three meals per day and nightly refreshments (food services under supervision of Kashruth Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress).

Bus transportation will be arranged only if there is sufficient demand at an additional cost of $40 per person, return.

For further information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 630-1180.

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Folk composer **Mordechai Gebirtag** will be featured at the annual spring concert of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir on Saturday, May 6, at 8.30 p.m. at Havergal College auditorium, 1451 Avenue Rd. (south of Lawrence).

Cantor Louis Danto

The song cycle, Der Zinger fun Noit (Singer of Misfortune) will present such Gebirtag favorites as Motl, Reizele, Es Brent (Our Town is Burning), Drei Tachter (Three Daughters), Kinder Yorn (Childhood), the lullaby Yankele, and others. Soloists will be **Cantor Louis Danto**, tenor, and **Ursula Ivonoffski**, soprano.

Also featured will be the folk operetta, Sholem Aleichen dir, Amerike (Good Morning, America) with the same soloists plus bass **Leonid Karpinsky**; popular Israeli songs, and works by Toronto composers **Srul Irving Glick** and **John Weinzweig**.

The Ensemble Singers of the choir will perform excerpts from **Charles Davidson's** setting of poems by children in the wartime Terezin Ghetto in Czechoslovakia, I Never Saw Another Butterfly.

The Choir and Ensemble Singers are conducted by **Voltr Ivonoffski**, with **Lina Zemelman** at the piano.

For ticket information, call 489-7681 or 633-8184.

NEW FRIENDS OF AMAL CHAPTER

A new chapter of Canadian Friends of Amal has been formed in Toronto. The chapter president is **Michael Mitchell** of the law firm of Sack, Charney, Goldblatt and Mitchell. National president of the Canadian Friends is **Joel Silcoff**.

Michael Mitchell

There are now over 125 schools in the Amal network located in all parts of Israel including the Arab and Druse sectors, attended by more than 50,000 students.

Mr. Mitchell has discussed with the new board members the ways and means the Amal Vocational Schools in Israel can be assisted by the Toronto Jewish community. Over the years many Canadians, individuals and groups, have made it possible to establish schools such as the Henry Berlach School at Tel-Hashomer, Maurice Silcoff Technological Centre at Merkaz Hagalil, the Max Raymond School at Ben-Ami, the Bernard Bloomfield School at Ramat-David, many Lady Davis Schools and more. Other projects include laboratories, workshops and scholarships.

BAYVIEW AND 16TH AVE.

Na'amat Canada-Toronto is forming a new group in the Richmond Hill area. Married young women are welcome to call 636-5425 days or **Emily** at 884-2981.

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Volunteer master-weavers are needed to assist in the arts and crafts department. Call Volunteer Services at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

Volunteers who own gentle and well-trained dogs are needed to assist in the pet program with their animal.

AN ANCIENT HERITAGE

The Amadeus Choir of Scarborough, conducted by **Lydia Adams**, is presenting New Settings of an Ancient Heritage, based on texts from the Old Testament, on Saturday, April 29.

The program includes **Leonard Bernstein's** Chichester Psalms, **Srul Irving Glick's** Sing Unto the Lord A New Song: Sherru Ladoyne Sheerchadash, and **Stuart Calvert's** Avodah (world premiere), and features harpist **Erica Goodman**, counter-tenor **Theodore Gentry**, mezzo-soprano **Elizabeth Bolton** and the Amadeus Childrens Choir.

The time is 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Armenian Church at Markham Rd. just south of Hwy. 401. Tickets are $10 general admissison, $6 students and seniors. For ticket reservations, call 751-7920.

CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE

An exciting children's bookstore has opened at Yorkdale Mall. Named The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe after the novel by **C.S. Lewis**, the store has many unique features certain to delight the children such as a separate kids' entrance, a wardrobe filled with fun fur, a larger than life touchable lion and a life-size white witch.

A good assortment of 3,000 childen's classics are stocked along with popular and fun titles, science and educational toys, puzzles, games and arts and crafts. Morning and afternoon storytimes are being planned as well as a special book selection program for school groups, author and illustrator signings, puppet and musical performances.

The owner, **Linda Spiegel**, is a primary school teacher and mother of three small children.

TINY TOT PROGRAM

A Moms and Tots Playgroup has space available for children, 2-5 years of age who have a high risk to infection.

The program, held at the New Covenant House (Bathurst and Sheppard) operates on Mondays from 9.30-11 a.m. and costs $3 per visit.

Special care is taken to ensure that the environment is very clean and disinfected often as are all toys used by the children.

For more information, call North York parks and recreation department at 223-6459 or **Rena Moussadji**, Playgroup teacher, at 223-0136.

FIRST ISRAEL DAY AT RYERSON

The Jewish Students Council of Ryerson, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Centre, hosted its first Israel Day recently at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Attended by more than 200 students, both Jewish and non-Jewish, the event offered participants the opportunity to become better acquainted with Israel, its culture, education, tourism and religion, through information displays, Israeli food and produce, music and videos.

Guest speakers included **Alan Howitt**, program director, Jewish Student Federation, (Israel: A Political Analysis); **Mark Charendoff**, director, Judaic Cultural Development of the JCC (Israel and What It Has to Offer), and **Sol Jakubowitz**, Pinkus Outreach coordinator for Canadian Jewish Congress (OTZMA, a 1-year program for students in Israel).

For more information on upcoming events and programs, contact **Lysa Springer**, Campus Outreach coordinator for Glendon, Ryerson, Scarborough and Seneca, at 636-1880, ext. 228. (Note further details about campus programs in item titled Campus Connection).

CAMPUS CONNECTION

You are invited to join the Jewish students at Seneca, Ryerson, Glendon and Scarborough, who get together on a regular basis for bagels, fun and good conversation.

Seneca — Every other Tuesday from 11.40 a.m. to 1.40 p.m. The next date is April 25 (Passover goodies instead of bagels). Read the Seneca Today for room locations.

Ryerson — Every other Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Club Room. The next meeting is April 28.

Glendon — Every other Thursday from 11.20 a.m. to 1.20 p.m. in front of Student Council. Next date is April 27 (Passover goodies).

Scarborough — Every other Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Connections. Next get together is April 26 (Passover goodies).

These programs are held under the auspices of the Jewish Community Centre. For information, call **Lysa Springer** at 636-1880, ext. 228.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Blood donor clinics during the month of April include —

Manulife Blood Donor Clinic, 55 Bloor St. W. (at Bay), Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 924-5955.

Downtown Blood Donor Clinic, Royal Bank Plaza, Merchant's Mall level, 200 Bay St., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 861-0145.

For further information about blood donor clinics, call 974-9900 or 593-2258.

HELP WANTED!

Help wanted — men and women! Openings are available for all types of people with all kinds of skills. This is an equal opportunity employer offering flexible hours, no pay but lots of rewards.

While this might seem like a strange request for a very questionable job, it is, in fact, a call for volunteers to help The Arthritis Society.

The Society's volunteers do a variety of jobs. Many canvass for donations, some assist with public education fairs, and others serve on committees and boards.

For more information, contact the Society at 967-1414. The address is 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 402, Toronto M4W 3P2.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Martin Atkins, president of Martin Atkins Ltd., recently presented achievement awards to his top sales staff at a luncheon at the Primrose Club. Here, together with sales manager Michelle Hall (right), he presents an award to Cathy McKay-Shilson. Other winners were Atkins' brothers Harmon and Jason, Robyn McDonald and Elizabeth Pollard. [Belinda Silberman photo]

at the jcc

The Bloor Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., is offering the 11th annual Roslyn Cohen Memorial Seder on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. The cost is $28 adults, $18 seniors, students and childen. To reserve, call 924-6211.

The Bloor Y's Centrefest is filled with exciting shows and exhibits this year. On Saturday, April 29, at 8.30 p.m., Bloor's Candlelight Cabaret presents Two Sides of Three starring Trio Vivant and the Holly Cole Trio. The cost is $25 per person and includes dessert and cash bar...On Sunday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bloor offers Toronto Jewish Craft Fair and a book display by Israel's Bookstore. At 2 p.m. Sunday, ads from Toronto's Jewish press will be presented and **Amon Ajzensztadt** will speak on the Yiddish Press...For kids on Sunday, the 30th, there is singing, stories and puppetry for preschoolers to grade 3 from 10.30-11.30 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.; Street Theatre for grades 4 and 5 from 10.30-11.30 a.m., and jewelry and craft-making called t Work of Our Hands based on Jewish symbolism for grades 6 and 7 from 10.30-11.30 a.m. and from 2-3 p.m...The Centrefest film series begins Sunday, April 30, with Mamele, and continues Monday, May 1, with Jews on the Screens of Hollywood; on Wednesday, May 3, with Late Summer Blues, and on Thursday, May 4, with Outside Chance of Maximilin Glick. All films begin at 8 p.m. and admission is free...City Forum, a conversation with **John Sewell** is set for Tuesday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

Summer camp registration at the Bloor Y has begun. To register children between the ages of 5 and 10, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

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J.B. IN FLORIDA

The New Fraternal Association annual reunion was held recently in Florida. That's J.B. Salsberg (centre) looking very dapper.

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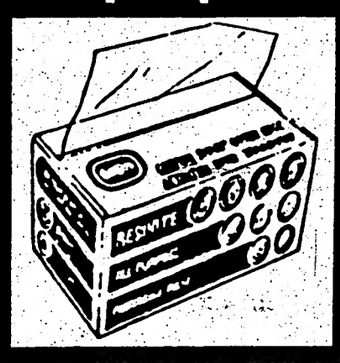

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Organizations and People

What's New

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for seniors

The Toronto Chapter of the Parkinson Foundation invites all Metro seniors to join **Mayor Art Eggleton** in a ceremony proclaiming Parkinson Awareness Week at the Peace Garden, Nathan Phillips Square, at noon on Friday, April 28. A civic reception will follow in the Council Chamber Lounge. Remo Mancini, Ontario minister for the disabled, will be special guest speaker.

Labor Zionist Alliance Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m...A Third seder is planned for Sunday, April 23...Upcoming trips include a Yom Ha'atzmaut trip to Israel May 3-17 led by **Col. Yaacov Erez**; a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills in July, a trip to Ottawa, and a variety of outings such as the Stratford and Shaw festivals. Reservations are now being accepted. For more information, call 630-9444.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman centre, 55 Ameer Ave. However, the group will not be meeting April 19 or 26 due to Passover. The next scheduled is May 3, when a film commemorating Yom Hashoa will be shown. For information, contact **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630.

Earl Bales Seniors Club — A dance with a live band is set for Sunday, April 30, from 8-11 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members...Ongoing activities in the community centre include shuffleboard on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and tai chi on Mondays, 10-11 a.m...In the club house, there's bridge on Mondays, 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; art classes, Tuesday, 1-3.30 p.m.; fitness, Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m...The first bus trip for 1989 will be going to Kitchener on Monday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your own lunch. There will be a coffee stop. This is for members only and the cost is $11...On Wednesday, May 3, the Yiddish movie, Eli-Eli (with English subtitles) will be screened at 7 p.m. in the club house. refreshments will be served. There is no charge for members. Charge for non-members is $1...On Thursday, May 4, there is Rummyclube from 12.30-3.30 p.m...For further information and reservations, call **Jeanette** at 636-7856.

This week's activities for the **Bloor Y Seniors** include knitting at 10 a.m. and bridge at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 24, and fitness at 2.30 p.m. and current events at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25. The Bloor Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). The phone number is 924-6211.

The Wagman Centre Self-help Widows Group, an ongoing support group for widows 55 and over, meets every other Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is Sunday, April 23. The group leader is **Toby Warsh**.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is arranging a lecture for Monday, May 1, at 1 p.m. On Monday, May 8, at 1 p.m., Introduction to Israel lecture and documentary film with **Mr. Fruchtman** will focus on Youth Aliyah...About upcoming trips — The Israel trip in November is being finalized The Catskill trip to Homowack Hotel in July is just abou completed. Reservations are still being taken. The 30,000 Island cruise to Midland by bus is planned for Wednesday, June 14, and will soon be filled. For information about all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, a lecture series featuring several rabbis, starts Tuesday, May 2, from 2.30-3.30 p.m. with Can We Expect Yosher (Justice) in the World with **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The series will run to June 27...Singer/musician **Danny Kutner** will perform on Sunday, April 23, from 2-3 p.m., in the Assembly Room...The Tuesday evening program on April 25 features the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir with conductor **Voltr Ivonoffski** and accompanist **Lina Zemelmann**. The time is 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Ways and Means Committee is presenting a Sunday Card and Games Afternoon on April 30, beginning at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. The charge is $3 per person and there will be refreshments, door prizes and a raffle. This fund raising event is open to the public. So bring all your friends and have a fabulous afternoon. (Bring your own cards and sets).

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) features the following courses. For information, contact **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

In Search of Meaning with **Hugh Innis** concludes on Tuesday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Courses given in cooperation with the North York Board of Continuing Education include —

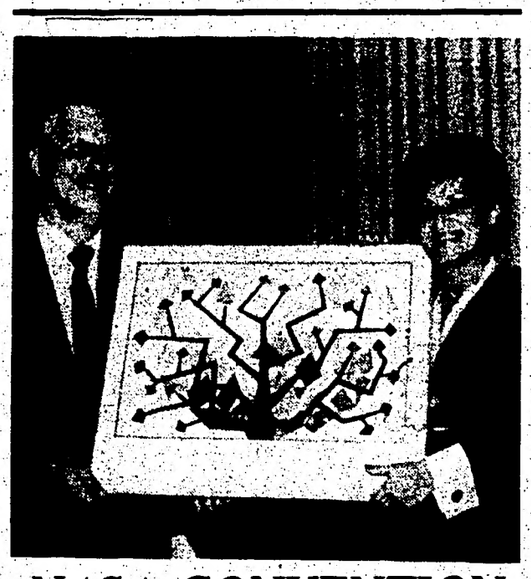
Computers for Seniors with **Sam Povering**, starting Wednesday, May 3, from 1-3 p.m.

Mostly Music: From Cantors to the Catskills with **Michael Wex** continues on Monday, April 24, from 1-2.30 p.m.

Development of Western Civilization: Achievement in Arts, Science and Technology from the Greeks to the Present with **Prof. Earl Reidy** begins Tuesday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to noon.

NEW ISRAEL FUND MEDIA FORUM

New Israel Fund recently sponsored a forum on Media Coverage of the Intifada with guest speaker, Davar columnist Danny Rubinstein, seen here with writer Michele Landsberg (left), who introduced him, and Linda Bronfman, co-chairman, New Israel Fund of Canada Toronto Committee. Rubinstein also addressed a Hebrew parlor meeting aimed at raising funds for New Israel Fund projects from Israelis locally.



NASA CONVENTION

More than 100 delegates and spouses from across Canada and the U.S. attended the annual convention of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators held recently in Toronto. The convention was organized by five Toronto synagogue executive directors, Nathan Abramowitz, Beth Tzedec; Ruth Podeswa, Beth Sholom; Shirley Vernon, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am; Stuart Razin, Beth Tikvah, and Bernice Levine, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, who was Toronto convention chairman. Pictured here: Thomas Jablonski of Detroit, president of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators, presents a token of appreciation to Mrs. Levine.

About People

A BUSY WRITING SCHEDULE

Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman continues his busy writing schedule. His last book, Chaimkel the Dreamer, has gone into reprint with its publisher CIS, Lakewood, NJ, which also designed a new cover. It has been so well received by educators and children that a special study guide has been prepared for the book.

Meanwhile, his other children's book, The Amazing Lumberjack, is now found in many libraries throughout Canada.

Gottesman's newest book, The Secret, will be published this summer. It is set in Toronto and deals with a number of themes including rabbinic life, childhood friendships and Holocaust memories.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Syd Solomons, president of Beth Sholom Brotherhood, has announced that the 1989 recipient of the Brotherhood's prestigious Humaitarian Award will be **Governor General Jeanne Sauve**.

This event, taking place on Monday, May 1, is the Brotherhood's most ambitious program of the year and a large capacity audience will be in attendance, including many distinguished personalities of government, judiciary, clergy, industry and the entertainment field.

According to tradition, last year's recipient, **Mila Mulroney**, will present the award.

Chairman of the event is **Frank Cadesky**. Co-chairmen are **Mendel Green** and **Gordon Saltzman**.

TOP REAL ESTATE AGENT

In four years **Elli Davis** worked her way up to top-selling real estate agent in Canada from among approximately 7,000 agents in 1987. At the recent Awards Dinner held at the Four Seasons Hotel, she was honored for the same achievement in 1988.

Elli Davis

Davis, who has a husband and family, works very hard, crediting a super-organized schedule, flexibility and total accessibility to her clients, for her success. (She was one of the first to acquire a cellular phone in her car and a pager).

DYSAUTONOMIA LECTURES

The 1989 annual spring membership-educational lecture, sponsored by the Toronto and Tikvah Chapters of the Dysautonomia Foundation Inc., was held recently at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. From left are Ellie Burns, co-president, Tikvah Chapter; Dr. Louis Simonovitch, director, Mount Sinai Hospital's Research Institute, who was the guest of honor; Bertha Dermer, founding president, Toronto Chapter; guest speaker Dr. Charles Hollenberg, vice-provost, Health Sciences, U of T, and Tova Israeli, vice-president, Toronto Chapter.

YOUTH ALIYAH FUND RAISER

Violinist Itzhak Perlman is flanked by Taube Zeifman (left), president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, and Sharon Kroft, Youth Aliyah chairman, at the organization's recent Youth Aliyah fund raiser, An Evening with Itzhak Perlman concert, at Roy Thomson Hall. Perlman's recital was part of a Toronto Symphony series. [Graphic Artists photo]

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Don't Miss The Matzoh Ball
Sunday, April 23rd, 8:30p.m., Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Live band- refreshments. $10. Cash bar. Singles Congregations' Network. David 484-0668, Lillian 633-8407.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Fourth Annual **Victoria Day Singles Weekend** (May 19-22) at Clevelands House Resort. Featuring: Sports weekend, social weekend, murder mystery weekend, hot water weekend, and relaxation weekend. **222-7111** for info. Optional bus available.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Singles Night at **Stilife, Sunday, April 30,** 8p.m. 217 Richmond St. W. (entrance on Duncan), west of University, south of Queen. Door prize: **Blue Jay Tickets in the Dome**. $8.

Young Friends of Reena presents a party at The Diamond, 410 Sherbourne St., Sunday, May 21, 8:00p.m. All proceeds go to the Reena Foundation. Tickets $8.00. Ari Huber 223-8145, Alisa Paikin 969-9894, Steve Isenberg 638-0152, Graham Rosenberg 449-9212, David Ossip 449-0344.

Forsees financial belt-tightening

Slavens new CJC Ont. head

TORONTO —

Eric Slavens has a simple philosophy about leadership: "You reach a certain point in your life and career when it 's the right time for you to step to the forefront."

And with that, the 43-year-old Slavens will become the next chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. Nominations for the position closed in early April and Slavens' acclamation will be announced officially at CJC's national plenary on Sunday, May 7, in Montreal.

Slavens will replace Charles Zaionz, who has chaired the most populous region of Congress since 1986.

Zaionz will now become a national vice-president of Congress, representing Ontario.

Under Zaionz, Slavens served as Ontario Region's treasurer, which followed over 10 years of involvement in various regional committees. He was the first chairman of the political liaison committee, as well as chairman of the influential planning and priorities committee.

Now, Slavens feels the calling to steer the region for the coming three years.

"I'm fortunate to be inheriting an organization that's thriving and running well," says the co-managing partner at Laventhol & Horwath,

Eric Slavens

the accounting and management consulting firm. "I want to continue that. I don't want to fix something that isn't broken."

But at the same time, Slavens knows that the next three years will likely see widespread financial belt-tightening, a rapidly changing Jewish demography and increased concern over anti-semitism, assimilation and intermarriage.

One of his first priorities as chairman will be to set up a pilot project that will implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity, which produced a landmark report on the subject and spelled out nine basic suggestions to combat the trends.

Another item high on Slavens' agenda will be to inject the region with new, young leadership and generally, to get more unaffiliated Jews involved in Congress.

That has become more difficult over the years, he acknowledges, because the community has grown more diffuse, and there is such a myriad of organizations from which to choose.

"We'll have to work harder to get Congress' message across; that we're the parliament of Ontario Jewry," says Slavens, whose wife Marsha has been co-chairman of the region's Committee for Soviet Jewry for the past four years. The couple has a son, Randal, 15, and a daughter, Hannah, 13.

The idea of having committee co-chairmen, instead of a lone chairman, is one Slavens likes.

"I want to work by consensus and I want differences of opinion expressed," he says. "We need dialogue."

Slavens also hopes to reach out to small communities in Ontario, which account for a sizeable percentage of the province's Jewish population, and to the South African, Israeli and Sephardi communities too.

As chairman, he'll have a few meaty issues on his plate: government funding for Jewish day schools, Sunday shopping, anti-semitism, Canada-Israel relations and a host of community matters.

"I want to continue where Charles Zaionz left off," Slavens states. "It's always great to step into an organization like this."

3 newsletters for seniors

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Senior Care, a Jewish agency designed to assist senior citizens to remain in their own homes, has launched a series of newsletters to maintain communication with those it serves.

The agency recently published the first of three newsletters, called New Ageing, which provides information on developments in the field of senior care.

"The newsletter was born out of the belief that older adults must be looked at in a new way that reflects new information, new attitudes," states Lynne Gordon, director of information for Senior Care.

The first issue includes interviews with leading authorities in the multidisciplinary areas of gerontology and geriatrics, as well as an interview with the assistant deputy minister of community and social services.

The newsletter also looks at the Association of Jewish Seniors, which operates under the auspices of Senior Care, but operates its own programs.

The AJS is planning to survey its 600 members this year to evaluate its programs and is sponsoring a second non-profit housing project for senior citizens with the Dorothy Klein Housing Inc. and the United Jewish Peoples' Order.

In the newsletter, Dr. Blossom Wigdor, founder and head of the University of Toronto gerontology program, says that labels such as elderly, older adults, and golden agers should be avoided as they tend to remove these people from the "mainstream of life.

"We don't call middle aged people, middle agers or middle citizens," says Wigdor.

Michael Mendelson, assistant deputy minister of social and community services in Ontario, looks at the government's role in dealing with older people. In the interview, he admits that Canada is a heavily overinstitutionalized society.

Dr. Kenneth Shulman, director of psychiatry and head of the division of geriatric psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, says the health care system must change to accommodate the needs of the elderly.

The newsletter also looks at programs offered by Senior Care and focuses on 94-year-old Nancy Gulko.

As well as New Ageing, Senior Care will be launching two more newsletters including Branching Out, for home support workers and a new volunteer newsletter which will focus on what is happening with the agency's more than 400 volunteers.

New Aging is published three times a year. To receive a copy write to Senior Care, 530 Wilson Ave. 3rd floor, North York, Ont. M3H 1T6 or call 635-2860.

Holocaust service set

TORONTO —

A community Holocaust Remembrance service (Yom Hashoah) will be held at 8 p.m., Monday, May 1, at Pride of Israel Synagogue 59 Lissom Crescent (at Bathurst St.).

The six women who make up Kol Nashim will sing during the service. They are Elizabeth Bolton, Esther Ghan Firestone, Phyllis Angel Greenberg, Elizabeth Manson, Linda Segal and Ruth Slater.

Others taking part are Rabbi Avraham Feder, of Jerusalem, founder of MAOR, Israel, and rabbi Emeritus, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Rabbi Harold Lerner, Cantor Charles Weinberg, Oren David of the Israel Consulate, and Sabina Citron, founder, and Helen Smolack, chairman of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Organizations and People

"Super immigrants" fit in well

South Africans add vitality to community

By
MARLO FIELDSTONE

TORONTO —

What has been South Africa's loss has been Canada's gain.

The growing instability of South Africa since the 1970s has forced more and more Jews and other South Africans to leave for North America. Approximately 10,000 Jews have made Toronto their final destination.

The South Africans have been "super immigrants," one of the most successful Jewish groups to integrate not only in Canadian society but also in Jewish community life in the last 15 years.

South African Jews left behind a comfortable and seductive lifestyle in which many families had homes with half to one acre grounds, swimming pools, servants and time to pursue leisure and genteel activities. The Jews had the freedom to be involved in the country's political, cultural, and intellectual life.

Most South African families and singles enter Canada with a job offer, one of the immigration requirements to this country. However, most professionals cannot practice in Canada without requalifying to meet the standards of the provincial professional associations and this has caused difficulties.

In 1977, the South African community rallied together to deal with the employment concerns and other integration problems of recent arrivals in Toronto by forming the South African Jewish Association of Canada.

Ronnie Roth, a former president of SAJAC and unofficial ambassador extraordinaire of the South Africans, has built up an impressive network of employers who help place newcomers, not only in Toronto, but in Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. SAJAC also deals with Toronto's housing crisis by finding affordable apartments and townhouses for the new immigrants. Contrary to myth, most South Africans do not come with large sums of money and therefore cannot afford to initially purchase their own home.

This is both due to the low currency exchange on the South African rand and the government's exit tax. Consequently, most immigrants officially bring $30,000 Canadian to their newly adopted country.

In a few years, Roth states many have increased their occupational and financial status. He states that it is due to both "great ambition and anxiety, to create their former success and lost status." Other factors for their success may include strong business and professional backgrounds that can be applied to the Canadian business experience.

Janet Hellman, a 36-year-old MA student in education had left South Africa 11½ years ago, adds that "the large majority are strongly motivated to succeed; the sense of failure would be tremendous if one had to go back to South Africa."

First of all the South Africans are English-speaking, a most important factor in reducing cultural shock. Their values are similar to the rest of the Canadian-Jewish community, one of hard work and higher education.

The successful integration of the immigrants is profoundly influenced by a strong support system. The people who came earlier lend a helping hand to ease the loneliness and depression of the first few years.

The loneliness of South Africans is the loneliness of all immigrants. Says Roth, "the tragedy of the South African community is that their families are split up."

Charles and Bernice Zwi, a couple in their 60s originally from Johannesburg are saddened by the vast distances between their son in Sidney, Australia, their single daughter in South Africa, and their married daughter in Toronto.

In spite of the difficulties of the initial period of adjustment which may take anywhere from 3-5 years, the ambitious immigrants add a new vitality to Jewish community life. A significant number of men and women have attained leadership roles in Jewish community organizations.

In contrast, the vibrant Jewish communal organizations they left behind in Johannesburg, Capetown and other cities are quickly losing their lifeblood due to the growing exodus of Jewish leaders, financial supporters, and young families who supported the important educational institutions.

Dr. Wilfred Levin, a recent emigre and father of three children, sums up his departure from South Africa as simply as, "there is no future in South Africa and no great future for Jews."

Wilfred and Shulamith Levin from South Africa are seen with their children (from left) Michael, Debbie and Lawrence in their Toronto home.

'Peg school is rebuilding

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate is rebuilding for a September reopening.

Winnipeg's only Jewish high school was heavily damaged by fire over the December holidays. The fire began in wiring below the kitchen floor. The kitchen was destroyed and other areas suffered smoke and water damage.

The school's 260 students were relocated in a vacant elementary school in St. James in west Winnipeg for the remainder of the school year while the school board considered what action to take. In the end, it has come down to a matter of dollars and sense.

To remain at Bedford School would have cost the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education at least half a million dollars more over the next three years than rebuilding the old north Winnipeg school building, the cost of which is covered for the most part by insurance.

Work is already underway on the old JWC building. Reconstruction is expected to take three to four months.

The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council has plans to build a new Jewish high school, relocating the present school, either in south or central Winnipeg, in conjunction with a new Jewish community centre.

JWC's return to the North End will probably only be for a few years, said David Cohen, BJE Chairman.

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Levins are honored at annual Reena fete

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

More than 600 people honored Al and Helen Levin recently as they were presented with the Tammy Gutstein Award at the annual Reena fund raising dinner held at the Constellation Hotel.

The award is given annually by the Reena Foundation to a person or couple who has made an outstanding contribution toward improving the quality of life for the developmentally handicapped. The award was created in 1984 in memory of Tammy Gutstein, a dedicated young Reena volunteer.

The Levins, parents of three daughters, have developmentally handicapped twins in their early 30s. They have been actively involved with the Reena Foundation since its inception in 1973. The twins currently live in Reena group homes.

Reena is based on the philosophy that people with developmental handicaps have a place in the mainstream of society. It also believes in full integration of people who are disabled into the community and their equal participation in all aspects of social and economic life.

Al Levin told the group, "We are fortunate that we were able to join the Reena family. Reena has allowed our daughters to reach their potential growth."

He said that there are too many parents who cannot take advantage of Reena because of lack of funding. "Full occupation for all those who need must be our goal," Levin said.

Marilyn Raphael, dinner chairman, said that "the annual dinner is vital to our foundation for two reasons. The funds raised prior to the dinner enable us to carry forward our work in the community and the gala dinner enables us to showcase the achievements of our clients. It also allows us to say a heartfelt thanks to our supporters."

Harley Mintz, chairman of the Reena Foundation board of directors, said that "with the birth of Reena came the dawning of enlightenment in the field of developmental handicaps."

He added that with Reena's inception, founding chairman Rabbi Joseph Kelman "took a giant leap for mankind."

Mintz said that we are "now coming out of the wilderness into the promised land. Reena is headed for the future. You are the future. The future is here now."

Reena client Harold Cohen thanked "you all for coming here and for helping us to live in the community near our friends and relatives. Thank you also for your support of Reena. I hope others will have a chance to be part of Reena's family. I know with your help this will happen."

Special guests at the dinner included Richard Franz from the ministry of housing, John Wilson, chairman of the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities and Fred Reynolds, chairman of the Metro Agencies Representatives Council.

Don't ask for miracles every day, rabbi states

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

What is a miracle? Is it really advisable for a Jew to ask for one from God? Under what circumstances should we ask God to directly intervene on our behalf?

These were some of the questions raised by author and lecturer Rabbi Yaakov Feitman, spiritual leader of Yom Iyun Congregation in Cleveland, in a workshop "Bitachon Versus RRSPS" held recently at the Baycrest Terrace.

Subtitled: Life Insurance, Savings Plans and Trust Funds, As Seen Through The Eyes of Halacha, Feitman told the well-attended event that the concept of bitachon (reliance on God) is one of the most important in life "because a decision has to be made between relying on God or being self-reliant" every day.

Ideally, a Jew must balance between the two, he said at the workshop which was sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Darche Noam Yeshiva and Darche Noam Adult Education, a branch of the yeshiva.

Of course, it was understood by the crowd, most of whom had an Orthodox Jewish education, that the title of the talk referred to a problem in hashkafa (Jewish philosophy), namely the distinction which Jewish law makes among miracles — and not the securities market.

Citing a source in the Gemara where Leah prays to God to give her a daughter instead of a son, Feitman said, "In this case Leah davened for a miracle and it worked since a daughter was born, whom she called Dina. Is everybody not privy to such a miracle then?"

Feitman said, "if the miracle is one which benefits all Klal Yisrael, (the Jewish people) then the miracle is worthwhile."

In fact, he added: "It was Rashi's idea that when you ask for a miracle which does not involve Klal Yisrael, or if it is not for Kiddush Hashem (the sanctity of God's name), you better be worthy of the miracle because you just might lose everything."

Using a medical metaphor, Feitman compared a mitzvah to a spiritual antibody which is cashed in when you ask God to directly intervene. "Miracles are very expensive in a spiritual sense."

Speaking about further halachic guidelines regarding miracles, Feitman said one should not ask for direct intervention from God until normal channels are tried, such as medicine when a person is sick.

From a Jewish perspective, it is wrong to go through life always relying on the direct intervention of God in your life, he said, adding that God also expects us to deal with reality. "You must make an investment, so to speak, so that a miracle has a chance to take root in something."

Feitman said putting away money for one's old age or studying in school during one's youth to prepare one for making a living is one way that God expects man to be self-reliant.

Other speakers of the workshop whose theme was Controlling Your Future included Rabbi Yitzhak Feigenbaum, director of Darche Noam, Toronto, and Rabbi Shaya Karlinsky, dean of Darche Noam Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Camp Council gets grant

TORONTO —

The Jewish Camp Council has been awarded a provincial grant of $2,193 to assist with Camp Northland-B'nai B'rith in Haliburton, Gino Matrundola, MPP for Willowdale, recently announced.

The JCC received the grant from the ministry of tourism and recreation's non-profit camps grant program, designed to assist such camps in making outdoor recreation and camping opportunities more widely.

"The government recognizes and supports the good work that non-profit organizations are accomplishing in the province," Matrundola said in announcing the grant on behalf of Tourism and Recreation Minister Hugh O'Neil. "I commend the Jewish Camp Council for providing an opportunity for children to have a happy camping experience."

Matrundola also announced that the City of North York's Parks and Recreation department had received $3,450 towards a 1-day workshop for community volunteer sports administrators.

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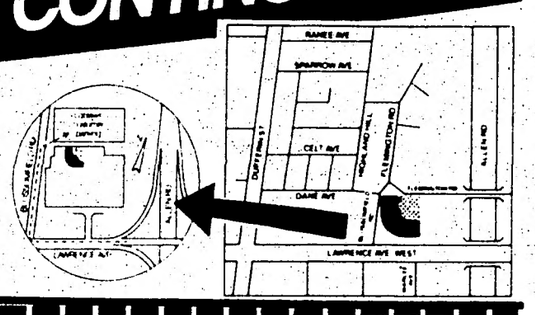

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Hosek laments lack of women in top spots

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
It's a shame that although women do most of the work at home and in the workforce, there are still so few women in high places says housing minister Chaviva Hosek.

"Women work very hard but the very work they have chosen is not what the world thinks is important," she says.

Hosek says that raising children, taking care of the elderly and teaching, are all extremely important jobs, but society values money, control and dominance. "Those ways of getting power have been traditionally easier for men," she says.

Hosek was part of a recent panel discussion on women in power sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. Also on the panel were Metro Councillor Anne Johnston and panel moderator Jane Pepino, a Toronto lawyer. Federal Employment and Immigration minister Barbara McDougall was unable to attend.

Hosek said that in this world if you do things for people you are less powerful. "The big question is how to get the whole system such that people are doing things according to talent rather than where their gender puts them."

Johnston said that a major problem for career women is that "we must do our work the same time our kids are awake. How do you do that without adequate changes in daycare."

She added "I bet women politicians don't have children."

Hosek said that women should not have to think of themselves as exceptional in order to get ahead. "It has to be an ordinary, reasonable, normal thing that people can do," she said.

She added that in order to be successful, women must be believed in by their parents and teachers. "The important message is that you can still be a loveable person and be successful. Schools and parents must have this attitude."

On an optimistic note, Hosek said that more and more women are beginning to think of their education as fitting a lifelong career even while juggling family. "There are a lot more possibilities for women today. Younger women can make decisions about their future that older women did not have the opportunity to make."

Hosek urged women to decide what it is they want to do and hang on to the decision. "Don't set your goals too low. Don't hold back your dreams or censor yourself. Be part of dreaming a better world. That is the first step to making it happen."

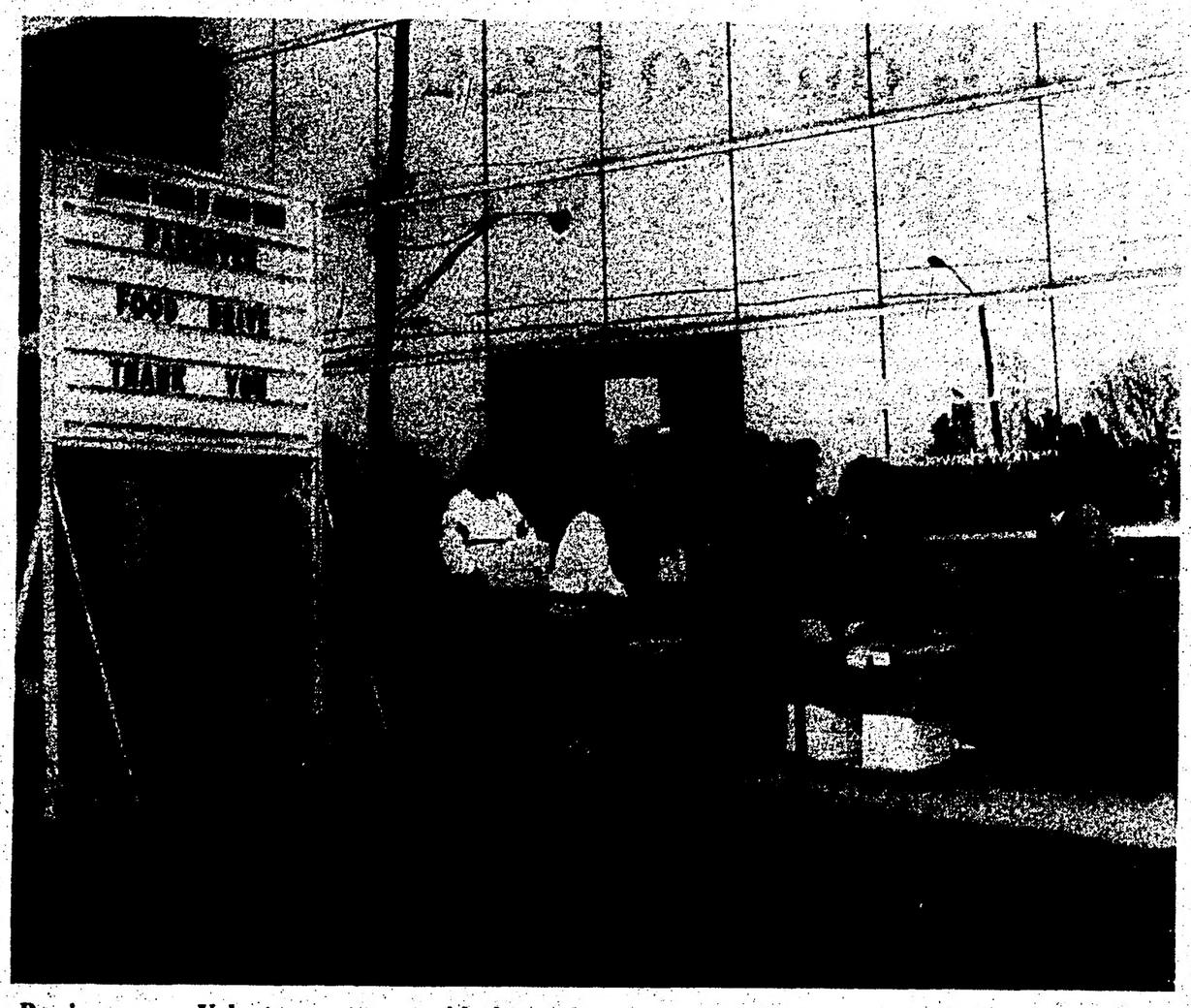
She added that women must take responsibility and know that in a democracy "you're responsible for what happens."

Johnston said that most women are people — and cause-oriented while men are not. "If men would follow the example the world would be a better place."

Hosek said that she is hopeful about society's changing values. "My sense is that human energies are ready to be unleashed to make a better world.

She cited as an example the rise in concern about the environment. "That is a view that cares about what happens to generations after us."

She said that a lot of major changes in thought come from the citizenry. "People are often ahead of the government in sensing what is possible. Real changes come from live interaction between people who care what happens and politicians."



Precious cargo. Volunteers get away with the goods as they prepare to deliver Pesach staples in the 4th annual Passover Food Drive. [Graphic Artists photo]

NCJW's Pesach campaign

Food drive is biggest ever

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
More than 700 boxes of kosher-for-Passover food were distributed recently to 500 families and individuals in the 4th annual Passover Food Drive of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section.

Everything from gefilte fish and horseradish to matzoh, farfel and honey was packed in cardboard boxes and delivered by hundreds of volunteers, said Dody Rudson, NCJW executive director.

The food was donated by members of the public following a special shopping bag insert in The CJN, she said. It was the largest Passover food drive mounted by the NCJW so far, she added.

The food was gathered at Council House on Bathurst St. and delivered by volunteers to a list of persons provided by Jewish Family & Child Service and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. The Board of Jewish Education was a co-sponser of the food drive as well.

Some of the recipients were immigrants, others were "needy Jewish people," including single parent families, the elderly and the disabled. Some larger families received two boxes of food, she said, adding that all those on the lists received a package.

Aish launches Shabbat network

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
People who want a good Shabbat meal and those who want to give them one have a new way of getting together.

Thanks to Aish HaTorah's recently formed Shabbat Network, those who would like guests for Shabbat can be put in touch with those who would be more than happy to come.

All that's necessary is a phone call to Lisa Marcus (416) (764-6400) before noon on Wednesdays.

The network has been set up in response to requests from families as well as Aish students themselves. Host families include young newlyweds, empty-nesters and everyone in between.

Marcus says the network is important because it allows people who may not have done so to experience the warmth and hospitality of Shabbat as well as to make new friends.

Because of the many families who want Shabbat guests, placements, says Marcus, can be made throughout the Jewish comr

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Reach out to aged, says JF & CS' Wolfe

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
Jewish residents in local nursing homes need to feel that they are integrated into the Jewish community rather than isolated and alone, says Gordon Wolfe, executive director of the Jewish Family & Child Service.

"There are hundreds of Jewish seniors that are living in a Gentile environment that is alien to their upbringing and devoid of any Jewish content," said Wolfe. "We need to reach out to the Jewish elderly and bring some light into their lives in their final years."

His plea has not gone unheeded. In recent years several synagogues and Jewish schools have "adopted" nursing homes to bring a touch of Yiddishkeit into the lives of isolated Jewish residents.

There are 28 Metro nursing homes, ranging from 100% Jewish residency at the Baycrest Home for the Aged, Lincoln Place, Terrace Gardens and Pine Villas to approximately 5% Jewish residency at Castleview Wychwood and St. Raphael's. The average Jewish residency in Metro nursing homes, says Wolfe, is about 10% overall.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue was one of the first synagogues in the city to formally adopt an area nursing home. In 1986 the synagogue adopted the Extendicare Bayview nursing home on Cummer Ave., using its social action committee as the vehicle. The home has 36 Jews out of a total 214 residents.

Bonnie Bereskin, past chairman of the committee and one of the originators, said that it's frightening for Jewish residents to spend their last days living in a non-Jewish setting.

"Their need is so great and it is incumbent upon us, as members of a synagogue and a larger Jewish communal family, to reach out and be a link with the Jewisn elderly who are so cut off from anything Jewish," said Bereskin, who visits the nursing home frequently with her three children, aged 5, 8, and 12.

Bereskin credits Jean Rochman, her successor on the committee, for taking the initative and giving the project shape and substance.

"Jean took an idea and carried it out tangibly. She organized Shabbat services, brought in a Torah, and arranged regular visits on all Jewish holidays," Bereskin noted.

Anna VanDelman, senior social worker, Day Care Services, Baycrest Centre, and currently co-chairman of Beth Tikvah's social action committee, believes it is important to build up a rapport with nursing home residents.

Unfortunately, many people are fearful to enter a nursing home because of an overwhelming feeling of despair and forlornness, she says. "It is more forlorn to see nothing but Christmas decorations over the holidays," VanDelman said.

Making older people laugh and sing childhood songs gives them great comfort and a feeling of "frailichkeit," she says. "Their strongest emotions revolve around childhood memories: the aroma of hamentashen and challah in the oven; Zaidie benching; Chanukah lights; and Pesach seders," she noted.

What brings great joy to the Jewish elderly is visits by young people, says Pauline Clein, principal of the United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Branch.

Over the years her students have warmed the hearts of many residents at the Baycrest Home for the Aged, Lincoln Place and Extendicare Bayview by their frequent visits, preparation of holiday foods, and good times shared together.

On Purim her grade 8 students presented the Jewish residents of Extendicare Bayview mishloach manot and homebaked hamentashen.

"We feel it is a mitzvah to visit the Jewish elderly in settings that have largely been neglected by the Jewish community," said Clein in a recent interview. "When students graduate and become adults, we hope that they will develop an understanding, respect and sense of duty toward older people."

VanDelman believes this program offers children a total perspective of the life cycle and keeps older people in touch with the present.

"The act of reminiscence holds many interesting and exciting stories for young inquisitive children, and oftentimes helps to bridge that generation gap and act as catalyst to resolve problems," she added.

Darchei Noam Reconstructionist Synagogue formed a volunteer nursing home visiting group last year under the leadership of members Lillian Butovsky, Susan Mintz and Jacqui Margolis.

The synagogue adopted St. Raphael's Nursing Home in Scarborough, which has 11 Jews out of 254 total residents.

At Darchei Noam, the group evolved out of a social action program on homelessness held in the synagogue last year. That meeting sparked interest in reaching the isolated Jewish elderly in institutions, says Butovsky.

Visits to St. Raphael's take place monthly. For Purim, the shul's bar and bat mitzvah students performed a Purim shpiel.

"Our visits have created a bond among our shul membership, the residents and their own families," said Butovsky. "A feeling of solidarity and goodwill has been created all round."

Another synagogue, B'nai Torah Congregation, has adopted Cheltenham Nursing Home in Willowdale.

While fully endorsing the program, Wolfe urged synagogues and Jewish schools to coordinate their efforts in conjunction with JFCS' Chaplaincy Services, in order to "maintain one concerted communal effort."

Students of United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Branch, are seen on a recent visit to Extendicare Bayview Nursing Home in Willowdale. Shown is resident Irene Kopel, with former staff worker, Penny Edwards, on her left.

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Organizations and People

"Both sides are trying to wear the other down"

There's no end in sight to intifada, says prof

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

The intifada is "a war of attrition," says Prof. Raymond Cohen, senior lecturer in international relations at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "Both sides are trying to wear the other down."

Cohen made his remarks in a recent lecture at Beth Tzedek Synagogue given in memory of the late Dr. Bernard Cherrik, a vice-president of Hebrew University.

Cohen doesn't see any end to the Palestinian uprising in the short term. He said, "It is absolutely clear to (the army high command) that a military solution won't work" and this was clear to them "within a month or two" of the uprising outbreak.

"The military is sick to its teeth of the Intifada," said Cohen. "They want a political solution.

Cohen noted that rebellions are "an extremely common circumstance in the Arab world." He mentioned that the current uprising is the third that's occurred in Palestine this century. From 1936 to 1939, there was an uprising during the British Mandate and another in 1964 against King Hussein, in which hundreds were killed.

Cohen said that the Arab states have perfected their methods of suppressing uprisings and that they do it in "a ruthless and bloody manner." He noted that the worst uprising of recent years was in Syria in 1981. President Hafez Hassad used artillery to suppress that uprising, killing up to 20,000 civilians.

Cohen suggested that some Israelis are in favor of imitating Arab methods. "Ariel Sharon would like to see Israel acting with a much heavier hand," said Cohen. "(But) I don't believe the Israeli army is capable of it. They wouldn't obey orders to open fire indiscriminately on crowds."

Cohen ruled out the possibility of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "I don't believe it's realistic. It's not going to happen," he said. But he does believe Israel may eventually come to a separate accommodation with the West Bank Palestinians, without the PLO.

Cohen said that, if not for the influence of the Palestinians in the territories, the PLO would not have changed its ideological stance. For Arafat to recognize Israel and foreswear terrorism — even if insincerely — was "a complete volte face," said Cohen.

"Arafat had no choice but to make the Algerian declaration," Cohen argued. Otherwise, "the West Bank leadership would have left him behind."

Cohen said that currently, the Palestinians in the territories are maintaining solidarity with the PLO and say that Arafat is their leader.

But, said Cohen, "If Arafat's initiative fails to bear fruit . . . there's a real possibility of negotiation between Israel and the local Palestinian leadership."

Edward Bronfman, chairman of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, the organization sponsoring the lecture, also spoke briefly. He recalled the late Dr. Cherrick in a voice often choked with emotion.

Group formed for women 55 and older

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Bent on improving the lot of women 55 and over, a group of women in this age bracket have just formed a North York chapter of the Older Women's Network.

The action follows a recent meeting when an overflow audience heard author Leah Cohen discuss her book Small Expectations: Society's Betrayal of Older Women."

"There was a wonderful response at that meeting," said Evelyn Burns, Cedarsprings Grover, a steering committee member. "Many had read the book and had strongly identified with its theme. This was that the conditions of many senior women include financial insecurity, premature shunting to homes and hospitals, loneliness and poor health.

"Although there has been some token Band-aid relief, nothing will change unless women demand change," Burns said. "They are being punished for being divorced, widowed, sick or in financial straits, even though they had little opportunity to participate in planning for their future. Women are now getting angry: they are not willing to remain an invisible minority."

She said the non-sectarian chapter, which includes Jews, Blacks, Pakistanis and Anglo-Saxons, is made up of women who were in a family unit but are now on their own through death of a husband, divorce, or children leaving home, and are suffering financial and emotional worries. Women who are still married, or who never married, are also members.

Burns said author Cohen told the meeting that she credits her 95-year-old grandmother, Chana Glicksman, as her inspiration. "She lived to be 95, always a dignified and able person until being treated as an incompetent when she was no longer capable of looking after herself. She said to Cohen, 'You write about so many topics, why not about the injustices the elderly and especially the women have to face?' "

Concerns about "women in limbo" those between 55 and 65 led to the founding of the Older Women's Network, said Elsie Picoll, who along with Nina Herman, was a co-founder of Network.

"I came from Montreal 5 years ago and I wanted to meet women who were not interested in finding a husband," said Picoll whose husband died in 1980 and whose two children now live here.

Higher pensions for older women and a new benefit, housewives pensions, are among the objectives of the Network. "Women have the task of raising children and they should be paid for their work," Picoll said.

The Network has about 125 active members in Metro Toronto and has just opened an office and hired a part-time coordinator.

In an attempt to do something about the "dreadful housing situation in Toronto," the Network has received Ontario government approval and funding for a co-op apartment building with 120 units, enough to house 150 women. However, in Picoll's opinion, it will be years before such a building becomes a reality owing to the difficulty of finding land for it.

The Network is receiving federal and provincial grants for its operation.

"We've heard horror stories about how women are left without money," Picoll said. "Even if they are entitled to half the property they have to pay tremendous fees to a lawyer."

She said the Network meets once a month and reads and discusses books on feminism.

Women in North York can call Evelyn Burns, 635-6407, for information on chapter meetings. Residents of other parts of Metro Toronto can call or write the Older Women's Network, St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor St. W., Toronto M5S 1X7; 924-4188.

Rabbi Hannoch Teller says:

Give people benefit of the doubt

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Jews must not jump to hasty conclusions and judge others unfavorably, lecturer, writer and storyteller Rabbi Hanoch Teller told an audience of over 200 at Clanton Park Synagogue.

"If you give people the benefit of the doubt, not only are you acting according to Jewish principles, but chances are you will be right.

Teller was giving the fifth in a series of lectures on the importance of guarding one's tongue (shmiras haloshon) organized by Phyllis Weinberg and the Orthodox Counselling Service.

He cited the example of seeing someone getting on the bus apparently without paying: someone else might have paid the fare for him. Another example is seeing a kosher Jew in a non-kosher restaurant; he or she might have gone in to use the phone or the washroom.

Remember, he urged, that you have encountered a situation "at chapter 3, and you didn't read the first 2 chapters."

It is important not to jump to conclusions, Teller said, jokingly telling the story of his own daughter who, upon being reprimanded for rudeness in taking cookies without asking at a friend's house, informed her hostess "my mother told me not to ask for treats." The child was not being rude - just greedy.

Although he acknowledged that always giving others the benefit of the doubt may be hard, he echoed other speakers in the lecture series that G-d will judge and show understanding and compassion to you in the same measure in which you have done to others.

Through the medium of anecdotes, he suggested ways to achieve this skill. Assume you didn't hear properly, or that you only heard part of the story.

Try to look beneath the surface, he said. "A donation of $1 million may really be less praiseworthy than one of $100, if the latter represents a real sacrifice."

This philosophy must be translated into action, Teller said, and not left in the realm of a philosophical ideal. He told the story of a pious man who brought a rabbi home for Friday night dinner only to find the table not yet set for hamotzi. He roundly scolded his wife for inefficiency.

The rabbi pointed out that just as we cover the challah, which normally gets precedence at a Jewish table, during kiddush, so it will not symbolically be embarrassed by the Shabbes kiddush wine, how much more important it is to assume that his wife was doing her best, and not embarrass her.

Using the excuse that everyone else uses loshon hora, and is quick to judge others, does not, he said, justify our doing it too.

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Organizations and People

Tony Lipsey

Soccer club serves as a contact point

TORONTO —

Little is heard about the Toronto Jewish Soccer club which, nevertheless, is quite active. It was founded in 1981 after the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

For the first time, Maccabi Canada decided to enter a soccer contingent in the indoor tournament at the 11th Maccabiah Games. The team was made up of Jewish soccer players from Toronto and Montreal. The players acquitted themselves well and returned home with a bronze medal.

One of the players on the team, Tony Lipsey, who had played soccer for many years for Glasgow Maccabi in Scotland, felt that the time was right for the development of a Jewish soccer club in Toronto. "We probably should have been called the Diaspora Eleven since the team came from many different Jewish communities," said Lipsey.

The present team has Jewish players from Scotland, Canada, South Africa, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Israel, the Soviet Union and Morocco, with the major difficulty being not the language barrier, but accommodating the different styles of play within the one team.

"We were the champions of the Toronto and District Soccer league one season, the winners of the inaugural Toronto Blizzard Indoor Soccer Tournament in another, and last year we almost pulled off the double by winning the Ontario Government Soccer League" and were beaten in the finals in the cup competition, Lipsey said.

He said that the club provides a contact point for Toronto Jews who might otherwise be unaffiliated with the community, and he makes sure that no games are scheduled for either Shabbat or Yom Tovim.

Anyone who is interested in trying out for the team can contact Lipsey at 731-6549.

Start off slow and gradual

Precautions urged for running

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

April flab aficionados and winter love-handlers, take note! The sun is getting higher in the sky and it will soon be time to dust off the Adidas and ready the Reeboks for another season of running, jogging, speed-walking, or whatever else gets your blood circulating again.

But not so fast. Before you hit the trails, take a few precautions and make sure the old battered bod is prepared to change gears from a season of sloth. Too much, too soon and your fleet-footed flights of fancy might never get off (or is that on) the ground.

Instead, heed the advice of David Paris, one of Canada's leading athletic therapists, who delivered two lectures on how to prevent running injuries during the recent Y Health and Heart Month.

Paris accompanied Canadian Jewish athletes to the Maccabiah Games in 1981 and 1985 and will do so again this summer.

He also applied his expertise at sports events including the 1976 Olympics and the 1983 World Student Games in Alberta.

His main message was one heard often but also one which just as regularly goes unheeded:

Start off slow and progress gradually, Paris stressed. Otherwise, dreams of the six-or 6½-minute mile will sink with the June sun.

A running program begins with commitment, Paris said. That means three times per week and a minimum of 20 minutes each time.

Paris recommended beginning with a combination of walking and running 1½ miles and gradually phasing out the walking.

Also, "set reasonable goals," he advised, adding no more than one-quarter of a mile per week.

Among the other general guidelines were consistency (if you eventually start carrying weights, also start slow), patience ("fitness will come"), scheduling flexibility and adaptability to lifestyle, buying proper shoes, and "listening to your body." Paris said if your muscles tell you that you did too much, it's a good bet that you did.

Then Paris got down to specifics, citing a series of questions runners should ask themselves:

• Am I increasing duration, time, speed, distance, frequency of runs too quickly? Am I training at my own pace (with a running group)? If the answer is yes to the first question, you're risking putting yourself out of action.

As for the second point, Paris advised jogging groups to keep pace with the slowest runner;

• How long am I running at "sub-maximal level"? Sub-maximal is the peak heart rate desirable according to age to reap most conditioning benefit. As you shape up and your system adapts to a certain level of stress, you have to step up the stress little by little to maintain the "sub-maximal" level.

• Have I changed terrain? Paris noted that your body has to adjust and adapt to new surfaces. Some people will have no problems on concrete but others's knees will feel it right away. Generally speaking, the more "give" in the surface, the better;

• Am I running on a banked (indoor) track? If so, Paris said a "tight" bank could be bad news if you run a fast mile.

Another point runners should keep in mind is whether they are following a "hard" training day with a "light" one to allow for recuperation;

As well, proper pre-exercise warm-up and post cool-down exercises are a must, Paris said, because muscle flexibility is transient. Stretching is at least as important after running, when the muscles are fatigued and relaxed and therefore more pliable, he said.

As far as footwear is concerned, Paris conceded the choice is infinite. What should be kept in mind is not to scrimp because shoes in reality are a runner's only equipment and good ones protect the foot as well as the shins, knees and Achilles tendon.

Any shoe worth its salt should have a strong heel counter, arch support, good midsole, and the proper cushioning. Everyone is different and Paris advised to go to a sports shop where the sales people are runners.

There are even stores that let you go once around the block to test the shoe and these are the ones to look for, Paris said.

Paris also noted that stress, diet, body mechanics and sleep patterns all can affect a runner's performance and susceptability to injury.

Disabled athletes to join in July Maccabiah Games

MONTREAL —

As excitement builds towards the July Maccabiah Games in Israel, so does it too among disabled Jewish athletes, who will be able for the first time to vie for medals instead of being relegated to compete in exhibition events only.

The inclusion of the disabled, says Maccabi Canada vice-president Abe Luxenberg, is only fitting, bringing a "new maturity" to the Jewish Olympics as it celebrates its "bar-mitzvah."

He added that the presence of the disabled will also draw attention to Israel's disproportionate 34,000 disabled veterans in a Jewish population of under 4 million. Competition among the disabled athletes can bring hope and incentive and serve as examples to disabled athletes the world over, he said.

The disabled competition will consist of three sports at first outing: wheelchair basketball, tennis and swimming (sightless athletes may be included in swimming).

Locally, one of the athletes vying for a spot on the team will be Nissim Louis, a 30-year-old past Canadian disabled swimming champion who specializes in the breast stroke, crawl and butterfly.

Louis, a product controller at Allied Enterprises, trains six days a week and has been a Swim to Israel participant for several years.

Another prospect is Vancouver native Steven Pollock, who ranked fifth in Canada in wheelchair tennis at the nationals last year in Ottawa.

Pollock, a University of British Columbia graduate, is a member of 4-man Canadian wheelchair tennis team and has competed at the U.S. Open and last fall in Davis Cup disabled play in Los Angeles.

In Luxenberg's view, the added financial burden of fielding a disabled contingent — as well as a junior (non-disabled) team — is well worth the cost.

He noted also that the Canadian disabled swim squad will have its work cut out for it since Israel's team is amongst the world's best. — D.L.

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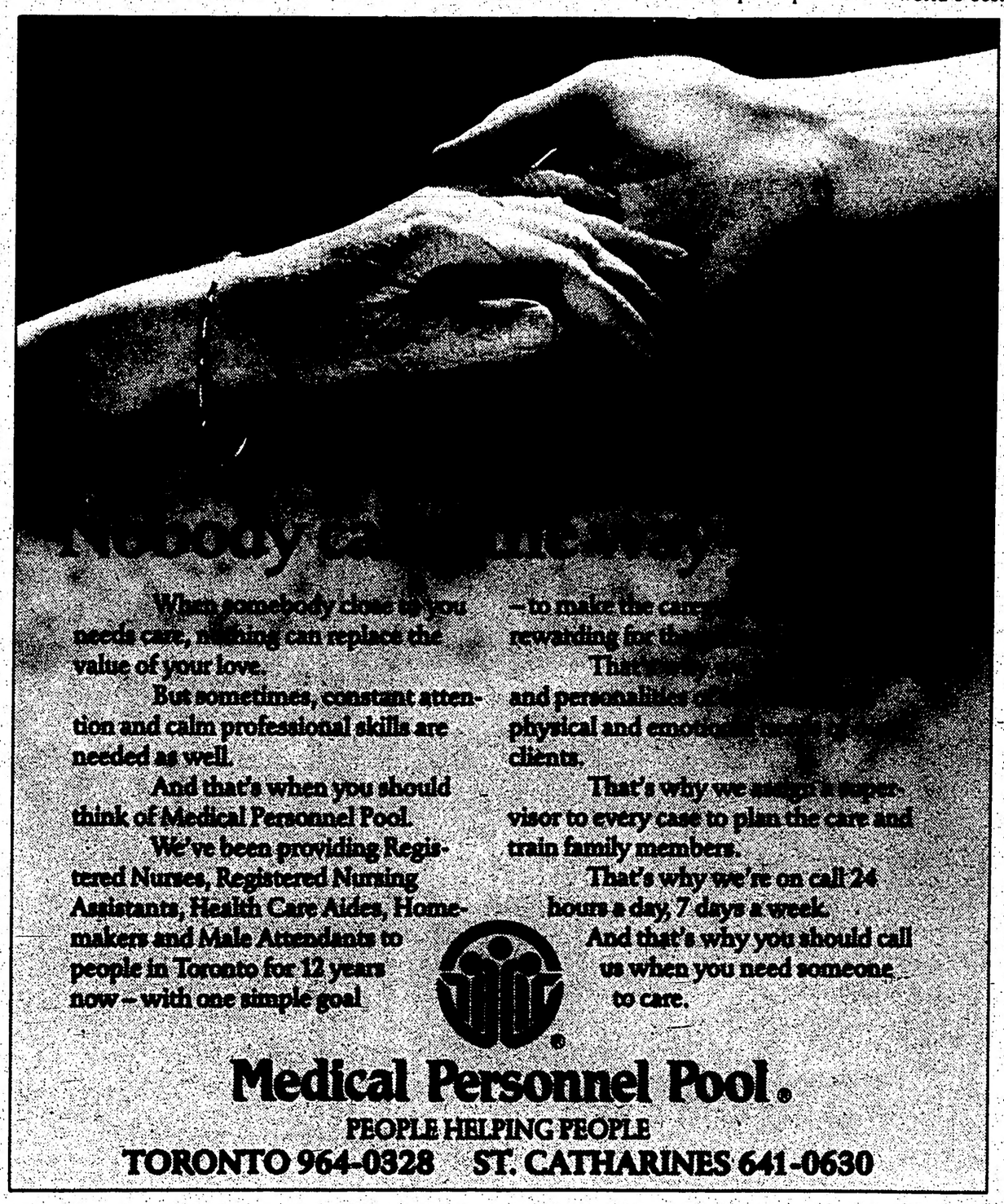
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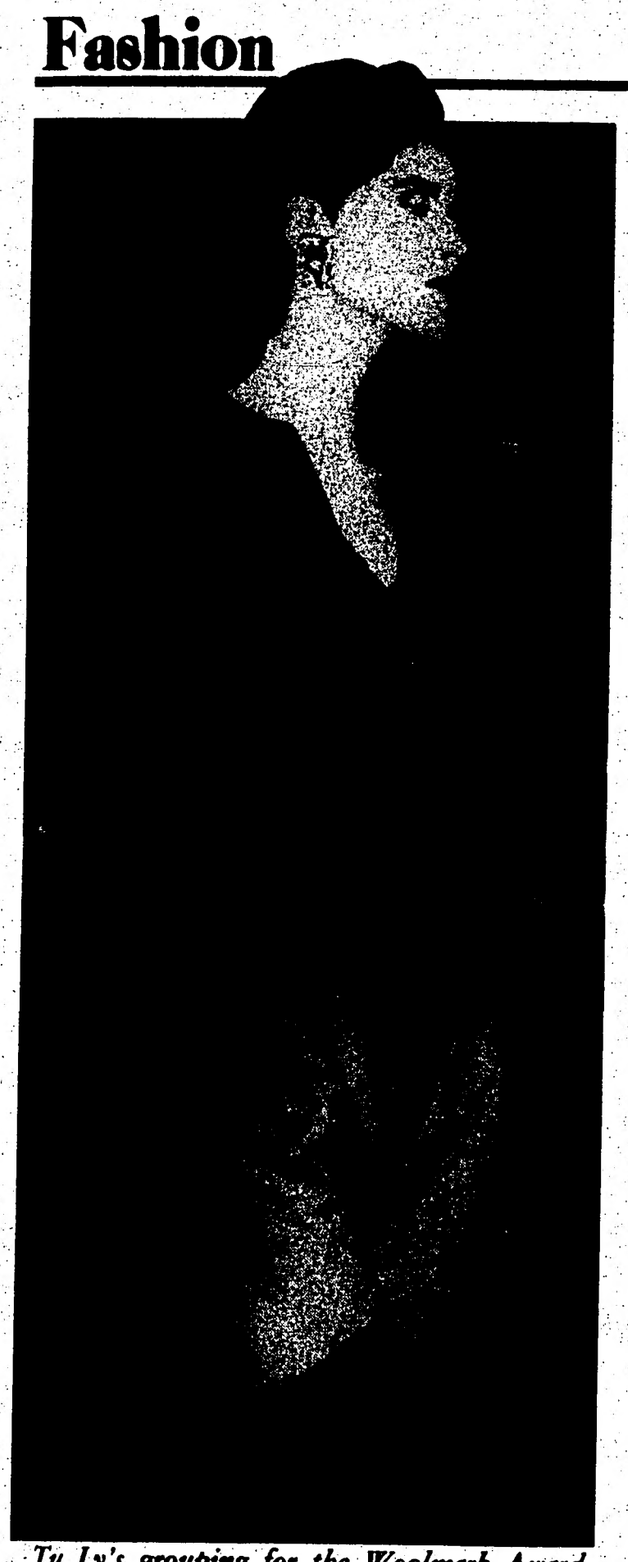

Tu Ly's grouping for the Woolmark Award Show included this outfit which boasts unique lines. (M-J Crete photos)

Vehicle for consumer recognition: Levy

Trade critics rain on Festival parade

By
MARIE MOORE

Most of us have heard about the 5-year plan.

Career counsellors, financial advisers and family planning groups espouse the merits of development blocks based on this time period.

Often, at the end of a 5-year plan new paths or directions have already been formulated for the next step, blue-printed as extensions to the foundation already laid.

However, if at the end of the five years, a new direction is not clearly indicated, an assessment of the situation is mandatory. I know that, you know that, and so do Steven Levy and Martin Rumack, co-producers of five Festivals of Candian Fashion, who say they are currently re-evaluating the Festival.

And here we go again. It seems the whole world, especially the media, would like to take a shot at what's new or what's old about the Festival.

Suddenly, designers who didn't believe the event significant enough to participate in have an opinion. Manufacturers who either "couldn't afford a booth" or "prefer to utilize their showrooms for writing orders" have suggestions to offer.

Reporters who played hit-and-miss with their selection of one or two events and missed on the big picture as well as the point have become self-qualified critics — and whether the stories they print are positive or negative, they rarely reflect the whole story.

> "Team trying too hard"

"Steven Levy and Martin Rumack are the only two men in this country who have had the energy and the patience to undergo such an enormous task — the only team who has ever attempted to bring all the components of the Canadian fashion industry together under one roof," one industry observer said.

One manufacturer, who also asked for anonimity, said: "They're (Levy and Rumack) only fault was in listening too hard to the comments that were made after the first and second event. They tried too hard to please all of those factions which they had attempted to include and lost their balance a bit.

"I just wish they would trust their own instincts a bit more and shut their ears to the drivel. These guys know how to put on a show — just look what they've done with the One of a Kind Craft Show (the largest of its kind in Canada). It works like a dream — no thanks to the critics."

What is the purpose of the Festival of Canadian Fashion?

To present and celebrate the excitement of creativity in a product which is quickly developing as a source of national pride and identity in a competitive world market.

Who dictates the direction in which fashion designers must guide their collections in order to sell them successfully and prosper economically?

The public.

What is the testing ground for innovative styling which dares to move beyond the tried and true classics in an attempt to establish unique trends?

A consumer market place.

Where does every artist find the feedback which is vital to his progress as a credible talent?

In the response of his audience.

Levy said: "When times are tough as they are for fashion designers and manufacturers in Canada right now, that's the time to go out into your market and go after your market share. Market share is not created by what you sell to the retailer, it's a result of consumer recognition and demand for your product.

"Look at Alfred Sung, whether you like his clothes or not, the man is selling like crazy and he is known right across Canada and the U.S. Who was the designer that attracted the biggest crowd here — you got it," Levy added.

"Eight thousand people swarmed the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre for a peek at the Fall/Winter collections by Sung. It was astounding. For $22,000 each, the individual cost of both performances which featured Sung designs (half of which was paid by Flare magazine), Sung got about $250,000 worth of advertising and promotion value.

"Why is that — because he knows his market. This man designs for the consumer and takes every opportunity he can to meet directly with the public. He goes after his market share and he gets it."

Woolmark Award finalist Alain Thomas styled this dress with petal collar for that competition.

So much for providing an approachable venue for the public. Now what about a professional format for the press.

Publicist Ruby Fruitman says that for most of the media "the focus was on the runway. Where else can they shoot beautiful clothes, professionally presented on a 60-ft. runway with all the impact that the Festival production offers.

"Feedback from the press was very positive in this aspect. They appreciated the photo opportunity, styling (props were extremely well co-ordinated to garment groupings), cleaner choreography and more creative steps. Those who stayed for the majority of the shows said it was the best overall collection they have ever seen."

With the exception of two performances, shows were also on time — another plus from a press perspective. The M.A.C. show was delayed due to a late arrival by Canadian model Michelle Legere, who flew in from Los Angeles for a cameo appearance.

The bridal show was 30 minutes late because of the announcement of industry benefactor Paula Holgate's accidental death, which upset many of the models and crew.

And as for the "lacklustre or safe fashions" which many cautious designers presented to their public, it's hardly fair to point the finger at Festival producers for good business practice by designers and manufacturers who want to survive a shakey season.

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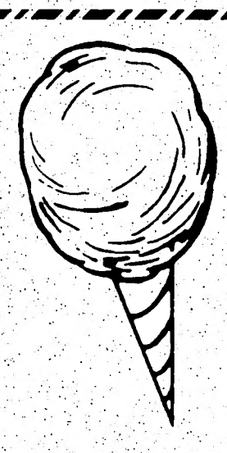

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Delicate, bright colors coming for Summer 89

By
JUNE WERKER

Napoleon was somewhat prophetic when he described Dusseldorf as my little Paris in Germany. Fashion news from Paris and Milan may make world headlines, but the Igedo International Fair in Dusseldorf serves a more realistic purpose.

Igedo is the largest international fashion trade fair in the world. One-third of the 60,000 buyers who converge on Dusseldorf every season come from outside Germany to select fashions that Canadian women are likely to see six months hence in their local stores.

Here is a preview of what Canadian store buyers may have selected for Spring/Summer 89.

Two moods dominate color trends for Spring/Summer 89. One is sublimely delicate, the other is confidently and courageously bright. I expect that all of us will be tempted to include both in our fashion repertoire by next season. Calm and cool will be ice cream shades of vanilla, pistachio, apricot, strawberry, and mint, also pale, pale sea shell hues of heather, coral and gray, all of which echo ultra feminine elegance of the 1930s.

These were contrasted by two bright color themes, introduced to the consumer tentatively this fall, but much more evident for Spring/Summer. One combines hot colors such as vermillion, crimson, orange, fuchsia, pink and golden yellow, the other groups sea blues, purples and various shades of green in one outfit.

Igedo also showed lots of mini-floral prints, in bright colors on white or dark backgrounds, large floral prints on white backgrounds and classic polka dots.

Long, wide silk-chiffon stoles are going to be a key accessory. They were in every collection, wrapped around shoulders, tied at the neck, swathed over wide-brimmed hats and tied under the chin, worn as cummerbunds, or fixed dramatically at one shoulder and left free to float down to the ankles.

Button manufacturers are obviously going to enjoy a bonanza year! Buttons were everywhere . . . functional and decorative . . . gilded military ones, classic pearl varieties, or covered in self and contrasting fabrics.

The general silhouettes will be soft, fluid and figure revealing, with lots of bare shoulders, wrapping, bias cuts, square and wide necklines and floating chiffon.

The newer jacket shapes introduced this fall are going to be more popular. These include cropped boleros, short, figure-hugging jackets hemmed at waist or top-pelvis level, and body-skimming longer jackets that cover the derriere. Many jackets will have puffed, elbow length sleeves, and softly draped shawl collars. A popular alternative will be jackets with no lapels, styled with U- or V-shaped necklines.

You can expect to see every kind of skirt imaginable and in every length from micro-mini to ankle, with the exception of the bubble or short, wide skirts which are dead.

Pants for every occasion, are going to be a basic wardrobe option. The newest versions will be wide legged, pleated at the waist, and will range from shorts to ankle length. City Bermudas hemmed just above the knee continue to be a popular alternative to skirts.

Matching suits are on the comeback. Two-piece outfits designed in the same fabric are going to be fashionable again.

New in mismatched combinations will be jackets designed with classic suitings worn with dresses or skirts or pants styled in

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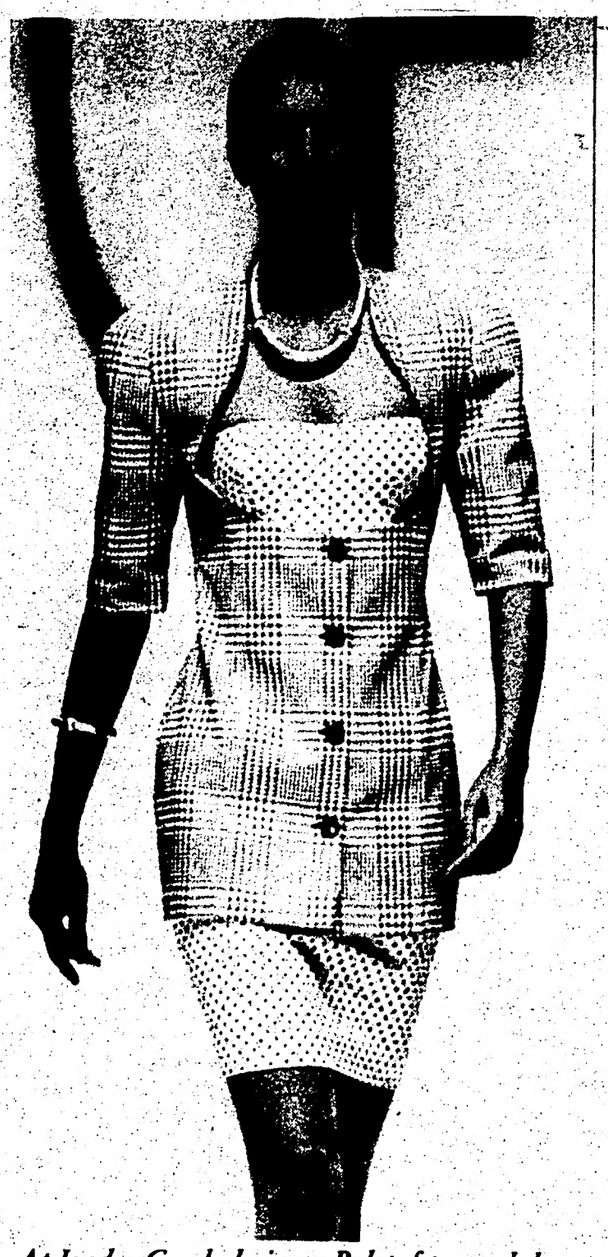

At Igedo, Greek designer Polatof teamed dotted dresses with plaid, figure-sculpting jackets.

Greek designer gets high marks from photographers

By JUNE WERKER

The Greek designer, Polatof was one of the highlights at last fall's Igedo International Fashion Fair in Dusseldorf.

Judging by the sudden stir of activity from the usual collection of press and TV cameramen in attendance, he succeeded in providing the most exciting photo opportunities at the fair.

Part Russian and part Greek, blessed with film star looks and enough charm to disarm the most capricious diva, Polatof started his career in the theatre and devoted most of his efforts to producing operas. Ten years ago he switched his creative energies to fashion and in 1979 presented his first "official collection" under the aegis of Princess Grace of Monaco.

Polatof's theatrical background was evident at his Igedo presentation. For openers, he showed his Minoan line, of attention demanding afternoon outfits which idealize the female form, and evoked a sense of drama that would be ideal for crucial scenes in Dallas or Dynasty. (Stunning on women with bodies like Venus, but likely to make a mockery of less perfect mortals.)

The Minoan theme was expressed with structured figure focusing jackets, some of which were totally topless and sleeveless while others had sculpted, stand-up necklines that opened to expose bare breasts, or scooped and cupped the bust line of a strapless dress. And, just in case those aren't sensational enough, how about a totally bare shouldered 2-piece tailored suit in classic checked wool suiting, with long sleeves!

Polatof's evening wear had less drama, but really won the audience's heart. He showed a beautiful assortment of delicate, flowing, organzas and chiffons, intricately draped or layered creations, and a striking group of alluring but simple black dresses combining fluid black silk-jersey knits with see-through sheers or lace.

At a special international press conference organized by Igedo, Polatof told reporters that he selects his fabrics at the best textile houses in the world.

"However, Greece provides me with relatively low-cost skilled seamstresses and craftsmen who are not yet spoiled and therefore my haute-couture and R.T.W. collections are less expensive than they would be if I worked in France or Italy."

Polatof owns two boutiques in Athens and one in Salonika, and announced his intention to open a new boutique in London, England this year. Encouraged to come to New York by the Sakowitz family several years ago, he showed his collection at the Park Plaza Hotel. As a result he is now exporting to Bergdorf Goodman, Nieman Marcus, and speciality boutiques across the U.S.

He listed Barbara Streisand and Diana Ross amongst his North American clients. He presents his collections at private shows in Paris twice a year. And he still produces operas every now and again — "just as a hobby."

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At Igedo, Beatrice Hympendahl teamed a Spencer jacket with wide trousers and silk blouse with floral design.

German designers present collections

By
JUNE WERKER

Top German fashion designers took advantage of a captive audience of important buyers and international press attending Igedo, and presented their Spring/Summer 89 collections.

Beatrice Hympendahl showed some lovely silk jumpsuits, and mini-floral dresses reminiscent of the 1930 wide-legged, cropped pants for day and evening, long pleated printed organdy skirts and an abundance of decorative military buttons.

Brigitte Kyra offered a variety of interesting touches to a summer wardrobe of cheerful dresses and coordinating pieces. Extra wide four inch straps crossed a bare-backed dress and were fixed to its side seams with a row of military buttons.

A white crushed cotton jacket had a panel of heavy white lace inserted in the back. Neatly tailored black silk jackets were sashed with white chiffon scarves, and the entire hemline of one of her jackets was studded with matching covered buttons.

Caren Pfleger first presented a mix of conventional sportswear followed by a much more interesting selection of evening wear. Her luminescent silk taffetas, chiffon and tulle evening dresses were for the most part a little too much for the summer lifestyles of today's world. But a group of sleek tuxedo evening suits in back and oyster presented possibilities that would appeal and sell anywhere, anytime.

Hamburg-based Daniela Bechtolf enjoys a strong following in her own country. Her innovative and wearable collection were designed for the most part in delicate pastels and neutrals. Amongst the things that she showed were simple, short, pared-down chemise dresses, short, fitted jackets with asymmetrical hem lines, an assortment of culottes, simple white blouses topped with cape-style wraps and a high-waisted longish skirt, pegged at the hem, with unusual scooped pleating.

German-born Ella Singh, is married to an Indian, and enjoys the advantages of both her worlds. She specializes in exotic, romantic evening wear, which she styles in her studio in Germany. She spends the other half of her life in India, where she manufactures and produces the finest Indian silks and cottons. These are then hand embroidered and beaded by local craftsmen in her own workshops, and cut and sewn in her own factories. The result is a beautiful collection of timeless fashion.

Iris Von Arnim's specialty is knits, hand-knitted in silk and cotton, with unique 3-dimensional self-colored textured motifs or colorful themes. She also works with machine knits, some of which were cross wrapped in a very complicated fashion.

More elegant were her cut and sewn jersey ensembles in soft pastel shades of coral, heather, creamy yellows and salmon, styled with soft shawl collars. She also showed an appealing group that combined hand knits with cut and sewn jersey, in black and white.

Designer Trixie Schober showed a tasteful balance of matching suits in classic neutrals, brights, floral prints on black and green silk, and evening wear with easy to wear linen jackets with flowing chiffon dresses.

Ella Singh showed pants in transparent silk fabrics with fancy jackets.

Bare-shouldered dresses will show female form

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see-through voiles, chiffons and lace.

Dresses will emphasize the female form. Bare-shouldered sundresses with and without straps were everywhere. So were demure afternoon dresses cut from silky, mini-floral prints reminiscent of the 1950s and 1930s.

You might be tempted to crop your reliable classic trench coat to two inches above the knee because these new short versions promise to be the season's mainstay.

Natural fibres such as plain woven natural cottons, viscose, silk and linen as well as blends that use a mix of these are going to be important.

If you've never heard of pre-washed silk, you're certainly going to see a lot of it by spring. It has the feel of soft suede, and a subtle shimmer that provides a welcome alternative to blatant brights.

Classic lightweight-suiting fabrics in cool wool continue to be another popular alternative.

Paramount for evening wear is the prevalence of sheers, plain and printed organzas, chiffons, voiles and transparent stretch fabrics. Lace is used as an interesting contrast or focus for pants and skirts that are teamed with other fabrics. Stretch laces are used for trimming on necks and sleeves.

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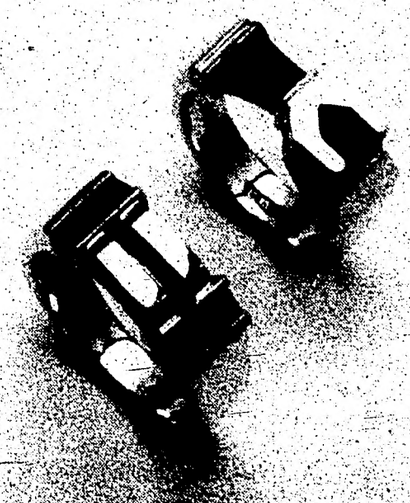

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Showbiz Mishmash

Dorothy Parker: "Just a cute little Jewish girl"

By
FRANK RASKY

"I'm a relic of long, long days ago when I was the toast of two continents — Australia and Greenland. Really, I was just a little Jewish girl, trying to be cute."

So said **Dorothy Parker** derisively of herself shortly before she died of a heart attack in 1967 at the age of 73. She was then a relatively obscure, frumpy alcoholic, spending her last days in what she termed a "Scotch mist" in a seedy Greenwich Village hotel for lonely, elderly widows.

She was, of course, much more than that.

Otherwise we wouldn't be deluged with such a flood of biographies about the poet, short story writer, playwright and literary critic, who was once said to be the wittiest woman in American belles lettres.

There seems to be an insatiable appetite for books exhuming the snappy bon mots, acid epigrams and rapier ripostes of the onetime flapper girl of the Jazz Age. In the 1920s, she was called a "hybrid of Little Nell and Lady Macbeth," constantly equipped with a vial of vitriol, and sharing with Jewish comedienne **Fanny Brice** the title of New York's most socially sought-after female celebrity.

The latest compendium of Parkerisms has just been issued by New York writer **Marion Meade**, author of the acclaimed historical biography, *Eleanor of Acquitaine*.

Her new life story is titled *Dorothy Parker: What Fresh Hell Is This?* (Penguin Books of Canada; 460 pages; $14.95).

I thought that the anecdotage pertaining to the Lady Guinevere who presided at the Algonquin Hotel's Round Table of "fountain pen lancers," who made or hatcheted Manhattan reputations, had surely been squeezed dry by **Leslie Frewen's** 1986 biography, *The Late Mrs. Dorothy Parker*. But clearly I was wrong.

Dorothy Parker

Sandra Shamas

Meade has done her research thoroughly. To be sure, she has been compelled to repeat a certain amount of the familiar Parker lore.

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She plows once again through her background as the spoiled, self-centred daughter of a rich garment manufacturer, **Jacob Henry Rothschild**, who maintained an opulent mansion with five servants in Manhattan.

She rehashes the details about Dorothy growing up to be a sassy bookworm, with big round doe eyes, and kewpie doll bangs and funny flowered hats, who flouted convention by patterning herself after **Becky Sharp**, the rebellious heroine of **William Makepeace Thackeray's** *Vanity Fair*.

And once again we read that her life story was essentially a sad story of a self-destructive masochist, who brooded about her countless abortions resulting from her hopeless love affairs with literati ranging from novelist **F. Scott Fitzgerald** to drama critic **John McClain** to **Ben Hecht's** playwright collaborator **Charles MacArthur**.

And there's a recital of her other tragic liaisons: her fatal attraction to weak, pretty-boy, WASP-type husbands who ultimately ditched her in three hapless marriages, plus her four failed attempts to commit suicide by gulping barbiturates with rotgut Scotch or slashing her wrists with a razor.

But besides regurgitating this old-hat stuff, Meade has ferreted out some Parkeriana that I had either forgotten or seemed fresh to me. Here are some episodes I found intriguing.

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She excelled at punning word games. When challenged to use the word "horticulture" in a sentence, she instantly responded with this dazzler: "You may lead a horticulture, but you can't make her think."

She enjoyed shocking people with her double entendre 1-liners. At a Halloween party, she hoped they would play ducking for apples. "There, but for a typographical error," she wisecracked, "is the story of my life."

At another party, she began ripping apart a guest who had just left. A friend of the departed begged her to stop, protesting: "That poor woman is a nice lady who wouldn't hurt a fly."

Parker added the zinger: "Not if it was buttoned up."

Her fund of racy sex gags seemed bottomless. "My recent trans-Atlantic cruise was so rough," she joked, "that the only thing I could keep on my stomach was the first mate."

When seeking a new apartment, she told the real estate agent, "Oh, this place is too big. All I want is a simple little place where I can lay my hat and a few of my friends."

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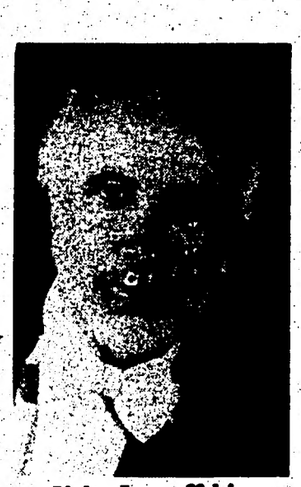
She had a flair for coining sensuous phrases. One of her lovers was the "male equivalent of a Rubens nude" and he had a voice "as intimate as the rustle of sheets."

But she was a perfectionist about words, which restricted her literary output. When asked by a reporter what she did for fun, she promptly answered, "Everything that isn't writing is fun."

The two most beautiful words in the English language, she contended, were "check enclosed."



Voltr Ivonoffski

Aba Bayefsky

She and her second husband, screenwriter **Alan Campbell**, earned a combined weekly salary of $5,200 from **Samuel Goldwyn**, which represented a truly gigantic sum in an era when income taxes were minimal. But she squandered it all, claiming, "Hollywood money isn't money. It's congealed snow that melts in your hand."

But she hated Hollywood and delighted in biting the hand that fed her so generously. Back in 1937, when she was organizing the Screen Writers Guild, she passed around to clandestine potential members a poem she wrote titled *The Passionate Screen Writer To His Love*:

Oh come, my love, and join with me
The oldest infant industry.
Come seek the bourne of palm and pearl,
The lovely land of Boy-Meets-Girl,
Come grace this lotus-laden shore,
This Isle of Do-What's-Done-Before.
Come, curb the new, and watch the old win,
Out where the streets are paved with Goldwyn.

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With her mania for self-belittlement, she detested the 2-line verse that became her most celebrated poem: "Men seldom make passes/At girls who wear glasses."

She readily conceded that the poem of rebuttal composed by playwright **George S. Kaufman** was infinitely superior: "Whether men will make passes at girls who wear glasses/Depends quite a bit on the shape of her chassis."

Defiant to the end of pomposity and hypocrisy, her epitaph, I believe, was stated most eloquently in the tiny rebel's irreverent *Hate Song* poem:

But I, despite expert advice,
Keep doing things I think are nice,
And though to good I never come
Inseparable my nose and thumb.

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My weekly tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts:

Mazel tov to **Voltr Ivonoffski**, conductor of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, who will lead his 40-member vocal group in a significant free performance of **Sholom Aleichem's** *Good Morning, America* at 7.30 p.m., May 16 at the Baycrest Wagman Centre (489-7681). It's an hour-long operetta in concert form, with music by **Maurice Rauch** and text by **Martin Birnbaum**, based on a novel by Sholom Aleichem, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Russian humorist's arrival in North America in 1914 as an immigrant.

It tells the story of a shipload of hopeful Jews, remembering their past, the tumultuous voyage on the sea, and sailing to freedom. Ivonoffski's beautiful wife, soprano soloist **Ursula**, will be one of the singers.

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There'll be no admission charge either at 8.30 p.m., April 25, when 30-year-old Jewish poet **Abbe Edelson**, a York University graduate who is a CBC-Radio freelance broadcaster, will read some of her works at the *Milton Acorn Poetry Festival* being held at the Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W. (340-0198). Four other poets will also participate at the festival, commemorating the life and works of the late distinguished Canadian versifier, **Milton Acorn** (1923-1986).

Abbe Edelson

Leah Adler

Congratulations to **Aba Bayefsky**, one of my favorite Toronto Jewish artists, probably best known for his colorful paintings of merchants and customers in scenes at the Kensington Market. *Bread, Buns, Bagels*, an exhibition of 35 of his newest paintings featuring Jewish bakeries, is currently on display until April 29 at the John B. Aird Gallery, 900 Bay St. (928-6772). They sell for $1,200 to $7,500.

That delightful standup comedienne, **Sandra Shamas**, has returned to the Factory Theatre Studio Cafe, 125 Bathurst St. (864-9971) with her 1-woman laugh show, which is currently running until April 30. It's as funny as its title, *My Boyfriend's Back And There's Gonna Be Laundry*, and as you may have guessed, it deals with the unlaundered hangups of contemporary young singles in and out of love.

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I bow out with an exit line taken from **Fred A. Bernstein's** amusing book, *The Jewish Mothers' Hall of Fame* (McGraw-Hill Ryerson; 174 pages; $9.95).

In her kosher dairy restaurant in Beverly Hills, The Milky Way, the author interviewed its quick-witted owner, **Leah Adler**, mother of **Steven Spielberg**, who is, of course, the multimillionnaire director of such epics as *Jaws, E.T.*, and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. When asked if she ever imagined her son would be such a brilliant moviemaker, she riposted, "When Steven was growing up, I had no idea he was a genius. Frankly, I didn't know *what* the hell he was."

Wannsee Conference film to be broadcast

MONTREAL —

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1942, at a house in the quiet Berlin suburb of Wannsee, a meeting was held.

Fourteen key representatives of the SS, the Nazi Party, including Adolf Eichmann, head of the Jewish department of the Gestapo, and the German government bureaucracy attended the Wannsee Conference at the invitation of Reinhard Heydrich, Hitler's designated successor and head of the security police.

The meeting lasted only 85 minutes. There was only one item on the agenda: "To cleanse the German living space of Jews in a legal manner."

Hitler's Final Solution — The Wannsee Conference is a film re-enactment of this infamous meeting, which legalized the murder of 6 million Jews.

In commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance week, the television movie premieres on Vermont ETV (Channel 33) May 1, at 9 p.m., the eve of Yom Hashoa. The show will also be broadcast by WNED in Buffalo (Channel 17) at 9 p.m., May 1 and at 2 p.m., May 2.

The only woman in attendance, a stenographer, meticulously recorded the proceedings. Based on the original minutes, the film is a reconstruction of the event.

It follows the systematic flow of the meeting: from the preliminary briefings on the "Jewish situation" by Heydrich and Eichmann, to the logistics, replete with maps and charts.

Hitler's Final Solution — The Wannsee Conference features actors chosen for their physical resemblance to the Wannsee attendees. Dietrich Mattausch gives a chilling performance as the power-hungry Heydrich, and Gerd Brockmann is convincing in his interpretation of Eichmann.

In 1962, Manfred Kortyowski, producer of the film first learned of this clandestine meeting while in Israel gathering material for a documentary on the Eichmann trial. Kortyowski spent six years of painstaking research before making this numbing film in 1984.

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Roth's autobiography is frustrating but humorous

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Facts, by Philip Roth. Collins, $18.95 (U.S.)

I first read Philip Roth's controversial short story, *Defender of the Faith*, in the New Yorker Magazine. Later, it was included in his book *Goodbye Columbus* (1959). The material proved offensive to some Jews. They were sure that behind the veneer of sophistication and the cry of artistic integrity there lurked a crafty and artful anti-semite.

Ten years later Roth wrote *Portnoy's Complaint*, the novel that made him famous and rich. Once again the Jewish community set out in full pursuit of an elusive quarry.

In 1962, as a symposium participant at New York's Yeshiva University on the theme "The Crisis of Conscience in Minority Writers of Fiction," Roth was confronted by a hostile audience. He was astonished. As he makes clear in the book under review, "I had thought of myself as something of an authority on ordinary Jewish life with its penchant for self-satire and hyperbolic comedy." That encounter, he writes "was the most bruising public exchange in my life. Perhaps even as traumatic as having his dying father disown him for his alleged insensitivity to the needs and fears of his fellow Jews.

Roth became a prisoner, both as writer and person, to the issues of Jewish identity and allegiance. "After an experience like mine at Yeshiva, a writer would have to be no writer at all to go looking elsewhere for something to write about."

Facts, a purportedly straightforward autobiography, is frustrating. Roth is up to his old tricks of making his "real" life distorted and baffling. The names of intimates have been changed and the memoir comes to an abrupt end in 1968 when Roth was 35.

In 1987 the author had a nervous breakdown. In a letter to his imaginary alter ego, Nathan Zuckerman, that begins the book, he confides: "Although there's no need to delve into particulars here, I will tell you that in the spring of 1987, at the height of a 10-year period of creativity, what was to have been minor surgery turned into a prolonged physical ordeal that led to an extreme depression that carried me right to the edge of emotional and mental dissolution." Characteristically, he tells us no more about the nature of his illness."

The Facts consists of five relatively brief segments of Roth's life, plus a 35-page epilogue by the inevitable Zuckerman.

The author grows up in a warm, middle-class family in New Jersey, goes off to Bucknell College where he edits an irreverent campus journal and discovers the joys and concerns of love and sex, marries a non-Jewish termagant named Josie who turns out to be the "most fearsome female that a boy of my background might be unfortunate enough to meet on the erotic battlefield," enters into a period of creative energy and achievement and ends up with a more kindly, but still Gentile spouse.

The story is well told — engaging, ironic, often humorous and mordant. But there is a lack of bite or revelation. The mocking Zuckerman finds the memoirs too "kind, discreet, careful to be truthful . . . you don't appear to have the heart — the gall, the gut — to do in autobiography what you consider absolutely essential in a novel."

Eventually, Roth will produce a further section of his life story. Perhaps he will be more forthcoming and accessible as he grows older.

One-woman hit show pokes fun at men and relationships

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Once upon a time the good fairy decided that from here on women would make jokes about the physical appearance of men, instead of vice versa. Well, Sandra Shamus has taken the good fairy at her word in a 1-woman show that runs until April 30 at Factory Theatre Studio Cafe.

It bears the unwieldy title of *My Boyfriend's Back and There's Gonna Be Laundry* and is a revival of the show she did for only nine performances in this venue last year. In the interim she scored a success with it at the Edmonton Fringe Festival.

It's not easy to do a stand-up routine for 90 minutes, with no intermission, and a pair of men's jockey shorts and a chair as her only props. The humor she aims at men (she doesn't let women off completely either) is mostly good-natured and easily recognizable.

Her other targets are the covers of Cosmopolitan magazine and the TV commercials about feminine hygiene products.

An unusual feature of the 31-year-old Lebanese Canadian entertainer's show is her candid references to her boyfriend Frank. She leaves no doubt in the song that opens or in program notes that she is in love with the man who shares her 3-bedroom heavily mortgaged home, despite the laundry that goes with him.

Love is the only thing she ever had to look for, she says, as her periods and smoking came naturally.

The Studio Cafe is at 125 Bathurst St., at Adelaide, 864-9971.

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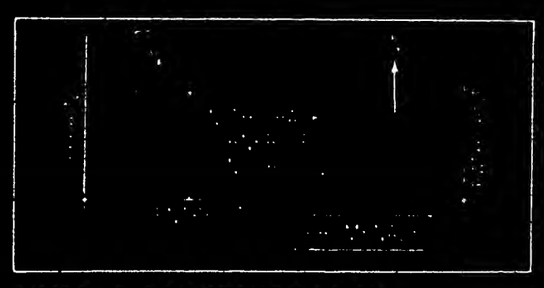

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Arts

Magic Flute fantasy is Mozartean musical marvel

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you saw *Amadeus*, the film biography of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart which won eight Academy Awards in 1984, you may recall that the Austrian composer died tragically of typhus at the age of 35 soon after completing his most beloved masterpiece.

It was *The Magic Flute*, the 198-year-old operatic fantasy, which the Canadian Opera Company has revived for a run until April 23 at the O'Keefe Centre.

No conventional opera, it was as controversial as Mozart himself.

Tenor Laurence Dale stars enchantingly in Mozart's Magic Flute at O'Keefe Centre.

As the movie showed in a flashback, the Salzburg-born son of a violinist (1756-1791) began his career as a 4-year-old prodigy improvising his own sonatas on the harpsichord, organ and violin.

He performed with such virtuosity that the father shamelessly exploited his son and exhibited the *Wunderkind* like a pet monkey in concerts before the crowned heads of Europe.

By the age of 12, he had composed the first of his 20 full-length operas. At least three of them have endured as timeless classics: *The Marriage of Figaro* (1786), *Don Giovanni* (1787) and *Cosi Fan Tutte* (*All Women Are Like That*, 1790).

The critics differed strongly about his last opera, *The Magic Flute*. Technically, it was known as a *singspiel* — meaning a popular, fairy-tale "song play" with its 21 musical numbers linked by spoken dialogue. It was the sort of entertainment which the ordinary, German-speaking Austrians could enjoy as though attending a musical vaudeville show at a Viennese beer hall.

Mozart accepted the assignment in 1791 out of desperation. He was jobless, knew he was slowly dying, and was so impoverished that he and his wife Constanza were forced to dance in his workroom for warmth, because they couldn't afford to buy fuel for the fireplace.

Mozart was commissioned to compose the music for this "magic opera" by a raffish character named Emanuel Schikaneder. He was a flamboyant impresario, who doubled as a comic singer and librettist, and was primarily concerned with writing a juicy comedy role for himself.

Despite the miseries of his illness and a patchwork script whose characterization was often inane and contradictory, Mozart remained a consummate professional showman. Overcoming all these handicaps, he managed to create a musical charmer that was a combination of the silly and the sublime, a blend of rollicking farce and religious profundity.

Bernard Shaw called him a supreme musical dramatist — an amalgam of Moliere and Shakespeare, who could successfully pass muster as a modern Socialist. To be sure, the libretto foisted on him was a hodgepodge of nonsensical "tomfoolery."

Yet an aria in the 2nd act was a hymn to human brotherhood so beautiful that it "might be put into the mouth of God without blasphemy." Altogether, Shaw rhapsodized, it was a "Mozartean garden of melodies."

The story line, set in an ancient Egyptian Cloud Cuckoo Land, can be summed up simply: Prince meets Princess, Prince loses Princess, Prince gets Princess. As in all good fairy tales, Prince Tamino is a handsome fellow who falls in love with the beautiful Princess Pamina after being shown her portrait in a locket.

Unlike most fairy tales, though, he also has his frailties. In the very first scene, he swoons when encountering a dragon that happens to be slithering by.

Heartened by an even more cowardly birdcatcher, an earthy buffoon named Papageno, the pair set out on a quest, like an idealistic young Don Quixote accompanied by a lusty Sancho Panza, to rescue from captivity the lovely Princess Pamina.

The mother of the Princess, the Queen of the Night, who makes her first appearance trilling an aria while riding on the moon, offers the rescuers two safeguards to ward off danger. The Prince is provided with a magical flute and Papageno with magical silver bells.

For the next three hours, we follow the magically outfitted adventurers on their fantastical journey. It includes encounters with lions and tigers and unicorns, mystical high priests who resemble the Order of Freemasons, a villainous Moor intent on raping the Princess, and an 80-year-old hag who is magically transformed into a comely young wife named Papagena for the lonely Papageno.

Needless to say, it all ends happily, with the virtuous well rewarded and the evil-doers suffering their vile comeuppance.

Director Lotfi Mansouri keeps the action moving briskly. The sets, borrowed from the New York City Opera, are sumptuously spectacular.

And on opening night, I thought the cast was uniformly splendid, reminding me of Mozart's maxim, "I like an aria to fit a singer as perfectly as a well-tailored suit of clothes."

That notion seemed to apply nicely to the principal performers.

British tenor Laurence Dale was an appropriately handsome Prince and Canadian soprano Donna Brown an equally gorgeous Princess, both endowed with magnificent voices.

Soprano Sally Wolf, who made her professional debut 10 years ago in the COC's production of Mozart's *Figaro*, makes a glorious comeback as Queen of the Night, especially in the vocally taxing *Revenge Aria*. It's as difficult as the *Bell Song* from *Lakme*, requiring her to soar to the stratosphere of two high Fs; she accomplishes this feat with seeming ease and yet packs it with powerful emotion.

Finally, I howled with laughter at the clowning of two gifted Canadian character comics who began with the COC Ensemble and constantly keep improving. They are baritone Theodore Baerg as Papageno and soprano Kathleen Brett as his Papagena.

The couple, both befeathered like a rooster and a hen, are hilarious scene-stealers in their stuttering mating patter duet, *Pa-pa-pa-pa-pageno*, in which they vow to raise a huge family of Papagenae.

All told, it's Mozartean musical magic that is bound to enchant you.

Cantor's tapes hold surprises

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Cantor Marshall Reiss's newly released audiocassettes are like a box of dark chocolates: Each is filled with rich classic nuggets from around the world.

In *Love, Faith, and Inspiration* ($12), the Toronto lyric tenor sings *The Impossible Dream*, *My Yiddishe Momma*, *Oh My Papa*, *Sunrise Sunset*, *Grenada*, *You'll Never Walk Alone*, and other uplifting selections with a measured blend of gusto and sensitivity. His rich modulated voice fills the room.

The tape includes two solos by Reiss's arranger, pianist Paul Mathew. The latter's subdued phrasings in accompanying Reiss in the other selections are replaced by unexpected power and orchestra-like fullness, in Miserlou and the theme from the film Exodus.

Reiss evokes Richard Tucker, Jan Peerce, Moishe Oysher and other cantorial and opera greats in *Purim on Broadway* ($12). Reiss's styling of the cantor masters makes the Purim songs, which comprise about a third of the selections, a treat to hear any time of year.

Yiddish songs include *Shein ve dee Levoneh*, *My Yiddishe Maideleh*, and *Momeleh*. A joyous *Yismichu Bimulchoot'cha* and *Rachem Na* represent popular selections from Jewish prayer. *La Donna Immobileh* is an aria that has long transcended the world of opera.

Reiss, an independent cantor and concert vocalist, is marketing the tapes directly, from 175 Waterloo Ave., Downsview, Ont. M3H 3Y9. Phone numbers are (416) 638-5733 or 638-1775.

This reviewer issues one caution: Listening to all the selections at one time could be like consuming a pound of chocolate-covered maraschinos at a sitting. On the other hand, the songs can only make the spirits swell.

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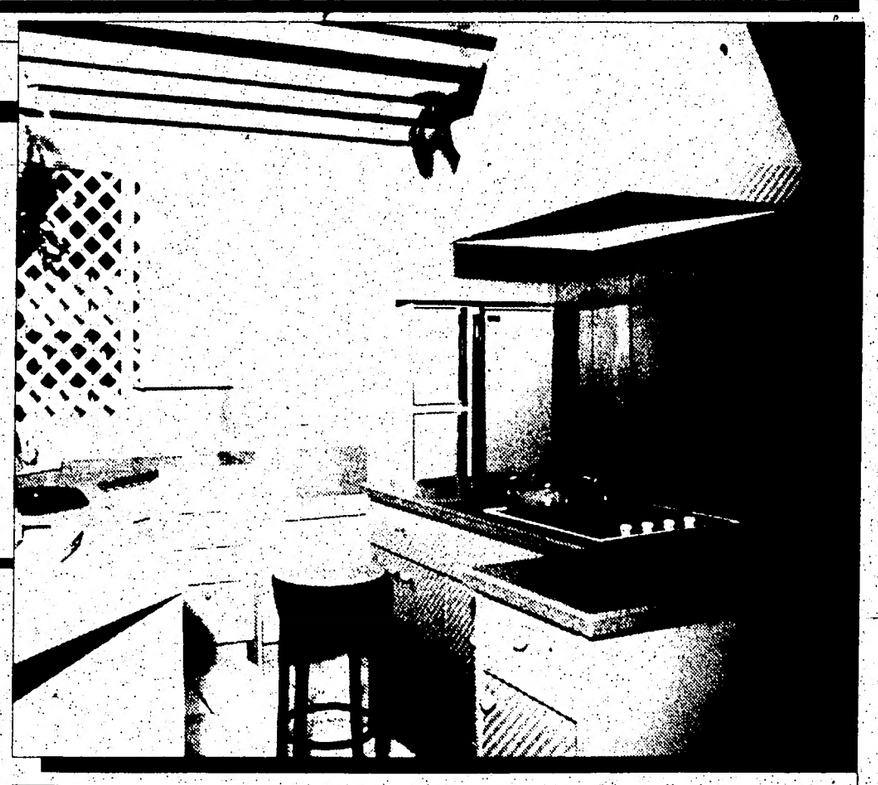

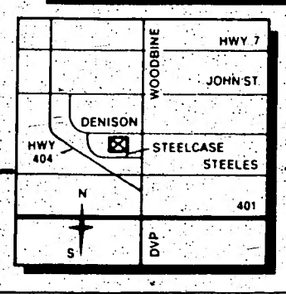

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Klezmer band spreads joyful sound around Toronto

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band has been playing at some unusual venues lately, including a recent gig at the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College, sponsored by the U of T's German department, and a concert broadcast on CBC FM's Brave News Waves.

The band plays klezmer, the joyful jumping soul music that has been called Jewish jazz for its driving rhythm, beautiful melodies and improvisations. According to band spokesman and trumpeter David Buchbinder, 29, klezmer — from the Hebrew klei zemer (musical instruments) — is a music of celebration that was played by generations of Eastern European itinerant minstrels at weddings, bar mitzvahs, and even in the streets — at any occasion where Jews needed to sing, dance, laugh and cry.

In the traditional world of Ashkenazi culture, klezmer musicians had a reputation for being avant garde and almost ribald. The Yiddish word trombonyik (literally trombone player) has this added connotation, Buchbinder relays with a mischevious smile.

Klezmer music has been enjoying a revival in Canada, the United States and Israel in recent years, thanks to groups like the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and Winnipeg's Finjan which are interested in preserving the musical heritage and folklore of the vanished world of the shtetl and Yiddish-speaking Jewry. (Bulgar, by the way, is an uptempo Eastern European dance.)

The 7-man troupe has been performing together since August 1987. The band members bring a wide variety of musical experience ranging from jazz to salsa to reggae.

Anne Lederman, the band's 34-year-old violinist, is best known for her renditions of traditional Canadian music with Muddy York. She recently produced a 4-record set of Metis and Native fiddle music from Manitoba.

The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band (from left) Bob Stevenson, clarinet; David Buchbinder, trumpet; Victor Bateman, bass; Allen Merovitz, vocals; John Lennard (partially seen), drums; Allen Cole, accordian; and Anne Lederman, violin.

Drummer John Lennard, 28, has performed in both the Toronto and Vancouver Du Maurier Jazz Festivals, and in 1986 toured Hungary with the jazz ensemble Silk Stockings.

Vocalist Allan Merovitz, 45, has written for and appeared on stage, television and in films across Canada for over two decades.

Other band members include accordionist Allen Cole, 27, bass clarinetist Robert Stevenson, 34, and acoustic bass player Victor Bateman, 29.

At a recent concert an elderly man commented, "I haven't heard such music since my childhood in Lodz." It's the kind of music only a bunch of Yiddish trombonyiks could play.

The band will be playing at the Clinton Tavern on Bloor St. on May 4 and at the Horseshoe Tavern on Queen St. W. on May 10.

For booking information, contact David Buchbinder at 538-0105.

Realistic portrayal of Vietnam soldiers

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Patrick Duncan, the director of *84 Charlie MoPic*, says: "The problem with war movies is that they become movies about war, and not about the warrior fighting it."

Right on.

84 Charlie MoPic, which will open in Cineplex Odeon theatres shortly, is a deceptively modest film. The cast consists of unknowns; the script is seemingly threadbare; there is no musical score to speak of.

And yet this is one of the finest films about the Vietnam war experience I have ever seen. *84 Charlie MoPic* transcends Vietnam and focuses on men fighting for their lives in the trenches. They're not silly, bloodless, comic book figures. They're real people, with very real emotions and feelings.

The film revolves around six members of a U.S. Army reconnaissance team, as seen through the lens of MoPic (Byron Thames), a military cameraman who follows the infantry unit on what turns out to be an extremely dangerous trek into the jungles of the Central Highlands.

They're a diverse collection of individuals.

LT (Jonathan Emerson) is a career officer who's volunteered for frontline duty because he regards field service as the fastest route to advancement. As far as he's concerned, the army is like a huge corporation.

Easy (Nicholas Cascone) is a nervous, giggly type who has an inferiority complex about his height, and crumbles under fire. Pretty boy (Jason Tomlins), as his nickname implies, is tall and Hollywood handsome. Hammer (Christopher Burgard) is a gung ho soldier. Cracker (Glenn Morshower) is in the army because it enables him to "put bread on the table" for his family. OD (Richard Brooks), the only Black among them, is a brave, battle-tested soldier.

84 Charlie MoPic is anything but romantic or idealistic. The men pick their way through dense undergrowth, beads of perspiration forming on their brows. They speak in arcane army slang. They swear profusely, as if by second nature. They never know when they'll bump into "~~Char~~lie," the elusive, resourceful enemy.

The tension is palpable. Heroes have no place here. These are ordinary men who fear for their lives.

84 Charlie MoPic offers the viewer a claustrophobic foxhole view of the anxiety generated by war.

Duncan constructs the film around several incidents, some of which are truly nervewracking. After spotting an enemy encampment, they call for artillery and air support. We hear the deadly whoosh and thump of rockets homing in on their targets.

Moments later, the GIs ambush a group of Vietnamese troops. This attack triggers a series of bitter tragedies for which practically no one is really prepared.

One of the most genuine, moving moments in *84 Charlie MoPic* is when Cracker, a Southerner, launches into a poignant monologue on his friendship with OD. Cracker loves OD like a brother. But, he adds, Vietnam is not "the real world," leading us to infer that Cracker's attitude to OD might very well be different at home in South Carolina.

In *84 Charlie MoPic*, Duncan has created a gritty, harshly realistic cinematic portrayal of soldiers under the unbearable stress of battle. It's not a pretty picture, but it seems as close to the awful truth as anyone may ever get.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

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These are not mere words.

I spent one week in Switzerland, crossing the country by train, and never once did I regret not having used a car.

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Canadians, having become inured to the poor state of railway travel in Canada, may have a hard time comprehending Switzerland's consuming love affair with trains. But once you've been exposed to Swiss trains, you will no doubt appreciate why the Swiss and foreign tourists alike sing their praises.

The Swiss railway network is all encompassing. Look at a map and you will quickly realize that there are very, very few localities in Switzerland that a train has yet to reach.

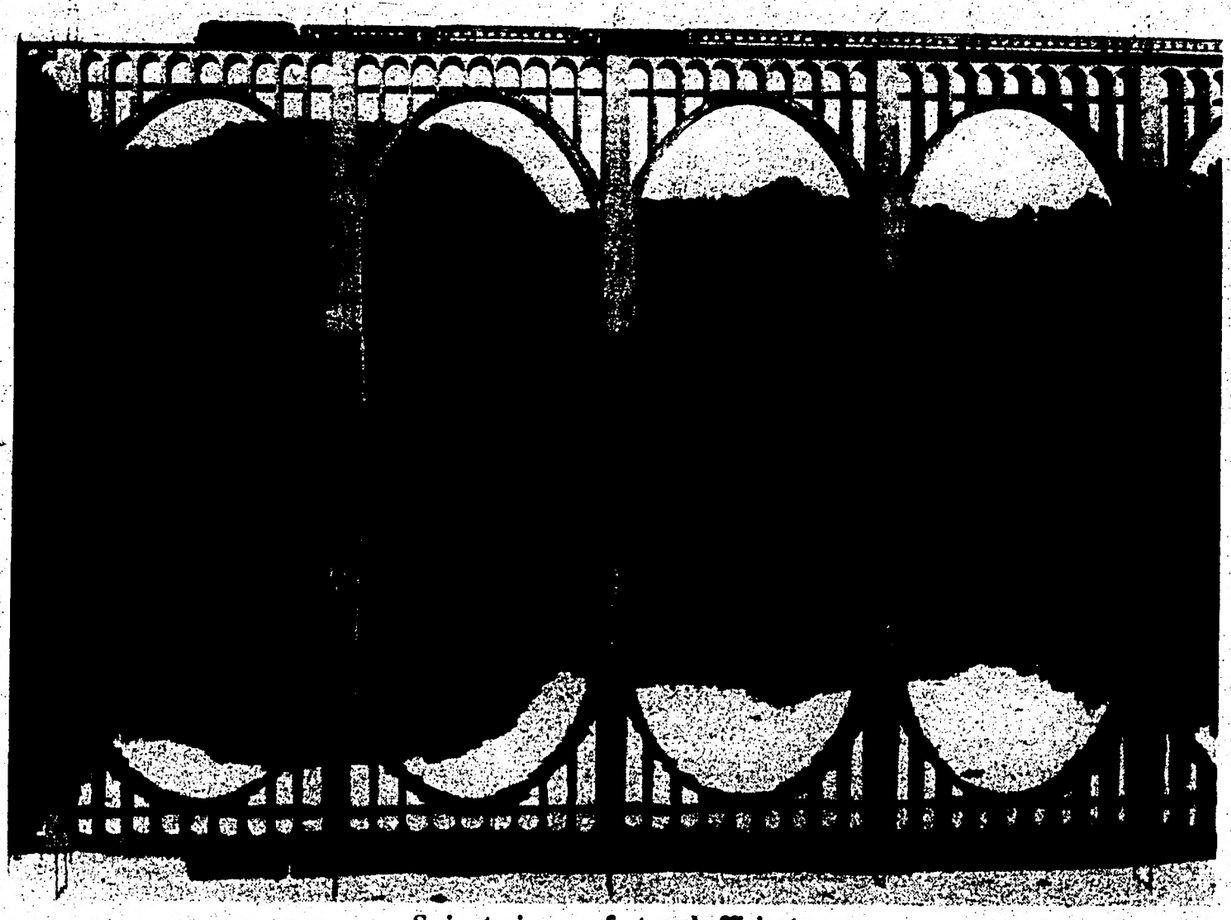
According to one statistic I picked up in a guidebook, no place is more than 16 kilometres away from a rail line.

And if a line doesn't exist, you can get to your destination via a bus, aerial cableway, chairlift or funicular.

It would appear that the Swiss, the epitome of thoroughness, have thought of everything.

I am sure they would be hard-pressed to understand why the Canadian government is seriously toying with the idea of phasing out the nation's railways.

In Switzerland, the train is practically a national institution.



Swiss trains are fast and efficient.

From the moment my Swissair plane landed at Zurich airport, I placed myself at the mercy of the Swiss railway network.

Without putting too fine a point on it, I was eminently satisfied.

My first encounter with the Swiss railway system occurred as I waited for a train to speed me to Zurich's main railroad station. It arrived exactly on time. The train was spotless. And as it sped toward Zurich, I never once heard that clackety-clack sound which is so familiar, and unnerving, to North American train riders. The train just *whooshed* along, almost soundlessly.

Over the next six days, I travelled from the spa resort of **Baden** to **Bern** — the national capital — and then on to **Grindelwald,** one of the jewels of the Bernese Oberland. After Grindelwald, I visited **Gstaad** — the jet setter's watering hole — and, finally, **Geneva,** home of the European headquarters of the United Nations.

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As the Panoramic Express drew closer to Geneva, the weather grew sunnier and warmer. Now the pastel ambience of the Mediterranean was upon us.

Near Montreux; which is famous for its annual jazz festival, I caught my first glimpse of the blue shimmer of Lac Leman, or Lake Geneva.

By now, the German part of Switzerland had given way to the French sector.

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Frankfurt Jewish museum offers history with hi-tech

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BASEL —

Fifty years after Kristallnacht in Germany, a Jewish museum has been opened in Frankfurt, West Germany. The new museum is housed in the former Rothschild Palace, built in 1821 and bought by Mayer Carl von Rothschild in 1846, according to a description of the new museum in the Swiss newspaper Basler Zeitung of Jan. 3.

The article reports that 28 million deutschmarks were spent by the City of Frankfurt in the restoration of the 4-storey building, composed of two adjoining large homes.

The restoration includes not only the physical reconstruction of the buildings which were devastated during the Nazi regime and during World War II years, but also the computer, film and video equipment installed, as well as the showcases and presentations built to display the history of the Jews in Frankfurt.

Because there was little left of the treasures of an earlier Frankfurt Jewish museum after the 1938 burning of synagogues, institutions and homes of Jews in Frankfurt, much of the exhibition pieces in the new museum have been gathered from all over the world.

The displays are mainly pictures of life in the community over the many years. Illustrated in the Basler Zeitung article, for example, is an etching of the Frankfurt Jewish area fire of 1796, when much of it was destroyed.

Many of the exhibits are of 19th century Jewish family life in Frankfurt, with photos or paintings of families who once lived in the city, from the time of the French Revolution late in the 18th century till early in this century.

Good use is made of modern display techniques, including lighting systems to enhance what material has been found in various countries.

Part of the display is so arranged with plexiglass materials as to make the visitor feel as entrapped and helpless as were the Jews who lived through the Nazi terror years.

Felix Schneider, the writer of the article in the Basler Zeitung, points out that unlike the Basel Jewish Museum which has artifacts dating back to the 13th century, there are no such artifacts in the new Frankfurt Jewish Museum, as all those treasures were lost during the Kristallancht fires in 1938.

New regulations apply when you visit Taba

TORONTO —

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Business Outlook

Examine the business merits of shelters

Miss the filing deadline and face tougher penalties

Tax News

By
AKI CHENCINSKI
&
LAURIE STARKMAN

With 10 days to go before the curtain falls on another exhilarating tax season, there is not a lot of advice we can offer individuals who have yet to file their returns.

Many people in this situation likely owe the government money or were delayed waiting for the tax information pertaining to tax shelters in which they have an interest. Then again, a good portion of this group are likely procrastinators who wait to the last minute to get anything done.

For those people, we offer the following sage words of advice: "File your return by April 30 or be prepared to pay the piper." The government has added more pop to their penalty and interest provisions in order to obtain compliance.

Taxpayers continue to be subject to interest charges on deficient instalments and on any unpaid balance of tax at April 30, 1989. The interest computation is based on the government's prescribed rate (currently 10%), compounded daily.

Furthermore, the government proposes to implement penalties for late or deficient instalments. This penalty will be calculated at 50% of the interest payable in excess of certain amounts. Neither the interest nor the penalty is deductible for tax purposes.

But even worse than that, stiffer penalties will result if the return isn't filed on time. The Canadian tax system currently imposes a penalty for late filed returns, equal to 5% of the unpaid tax at the required due date, plus an additional 1% per month of default (up to a maximum of 17%).

This penalty will be more onerous for frequent offenders. On a second or subsequent occurrence, the penalty will be 10% of unpaid tax plus 2% of the unpaid tax per month (up to a maximum of 50%). This additional penalty will be imposed where there has been a failure to file a return for any of the three preceding years and a demand for the return has been made.

So much for the scare tactics. Here are a couple of other items that taxpayers with tax shelters should bear in mind.

Most of these investors have already been prewarned of the dreaded alternative minimum tax (AMT). This AMT was designed to attack those high income taxpayers who pay little or no personal income tax through the use of so called tax preferences, such as MURBs or Canadian films. Despite the fanfare surrounding its arrival, the AMT has exhibited as much punch as a Mike Tyson opponent. Despite this, taxpayers that prepare their own return may find that their tax liability is higher than that reported on their return, as a result of the operation of the AMT.

AMT introduces a second computation of income and tax, applicable to all individuals. The individual's tax payable for the year will be the greatest of his tax payable under AMT or his tax calculated under the regular system.

The AMT system differs in three basic ways from the regular system used to calculate tax payable. These are as follows:

1. Various tax preference items, including specified tax-shelter deductions, RRSP contributions and the non-taxable portion of capital gains, serve as adjustments in computing AMT taxable income. In addition, a $40,000 exemption is permitted in computing AMT taxable income.

2. The federal tax rate applied to AMT taxable income is a flat 17%. The applicable provincial rate is then added. In Ontario, the combined 1988 federal-provincial AMT rate is 25⅔%. Any federal or provincial surtaxes apply in addition to this rate. The tax credits that were exemptions in 1987 are deducted in computing the ultimate AMT liability.

3. The tax credits available to reduce the AMT are limited, compared to the credits normally allowed a taxpayer under the regular system.

There are exceptions to the AMT treatments for certain of the tax preference items noted above. For example, not all losses from tax shelters are captured in the AMT calculation. Only losses that are created from the deduction of tax depreciation on Canadian films/MURBs and losses that are created from the deduction of exploration and development expenses and depletion claims on mining and oil and gas shelters are included in the AMT base. Accordingly, any ordinary business losses from such shelters are deductible in computing AMT.

As a general rule, all RRSP/RPP contributions are not deductible in computing AMT. This particular provision will take on more relevance as the contribution limits increase under pension reform.

There are, however, exceptions to this general rule. Direct transfers between plans (i.e. from RPP to RRSP) are deductible for AMT purposes. Certain other transfers also are exempt from AMT if they meet certain conditions. Unfortunately, transfers of retiring allowances to an RRSP are subject to AMT.

The rules provide for a 7-year carryforward of the excess of AMT over the tax that would otherwise be payable in a taxation year under the regular system. The maximum carryover that can be deducted in a given year will be equal to the excess of the federal tax under the regular tax system over the AMT for that same year.

Provincial taxes would also be reduced in the carryover year. Combined with the aforementioned $40,000 exemption, this provision will serve to mitigate the effect of the AMT in a variety of circumstances.

Investing in tax shelters will also have an impact on an individual's ability to access the capital gains exemption. Fifty percent of exploration and development expenses are included in the cumulative net investment loss (CNIL) pool which acts to reduce the available exemption. In 1989, deductions from Canadian films will also be included in the CNIL pool.

Most individuals have an aversion to paying tax. A number of these individuals show that tendency through investing in tax shelters that are not worth the paper they're written on.

Tax advisors continue to stress the importance of examining the investment and business merits of a shelter prior to investing. A number of tax changes over the past several years lend further credence to this philosophy. As illustrated above, all of these changes have a negative impact on the tax attractiveness of shelters.

In conclusion, we offer two simple words of advice for those people who have yet to file their tax return — good luck!

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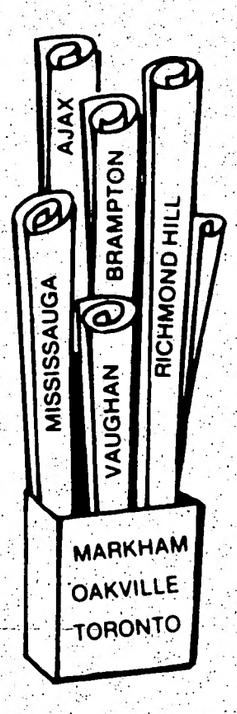

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Business Outlook

Wilson tells Retail Council:

Debt drains nation's finances

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —
There are many issues of concern facing Canadians today such as the environment, health care, housing, AIDS, the aging population and illiteracy, the federal finance minister says. However, Michael Wilson told participants at the Retail Council of Canada's annual 3-day conference that one overarching problem that has to be faced is the growing size of the debt and the exploding cost of paying interest on that debt.

"We cannot dismiss the debt as tomorrow's problem. We have been living on borrowed money — money borrowed from our children's future. The bills are coming due today. Action is needed now."

Michael Wilson

Two-and-a-half weeks before the new budget and Wilson's speech was full of doom and gloom. Based on that speech, the new budget promises to be tough.

There is nothing wrong with taking on a debt, but it becomes a problem when there is too much owing and interest payments become too large a burden, Wilson said.

The public debt has existed since Confederation but the problem of too much debt has built up over the past 20 years. Since 1970 to 1971, federal governments have annually spent more than they have collected in revenues. They have run deficits and in order to pay for these deficits, governments have had to borrow.

"That is normal in difficult economic times. When people are out of work and are unable to make ends meet, governments should step in and borrow to pay for programs that help cushion that hardship. Our social and economic policies were specifically intended to provide that support.

"But what about in good times? In retrospect, in good economic times, governments have been too eager to meet the wishes and demands for new services and programs," he said.

"Governments like to be popular. Too often governments said yes to this new program or that new tax concession when they should have said no. Short term wants have sometimes taken precedence over longer-term consequences."

However, as the debt has grown, so too has the drain on government finances caused by interest payments," he said.

"This past year, interest payments alone amounted to almost $1,300 for every man, woman and child in Canada. That's roughly $5,000 for the average household or $400 a month — equivalent of a fair-sized chunk of rent or mortgage payment."

The government has not been ignoring the debt problem and this fact has been illustrated by its actions, he contends.

For the past four years program spending has been brought under tight control and the present government now is spending less on programs than they receive in revenues, Wilson says. Spending curbs, together with revenue actions have slowed the growth of the public debt but now Canada is vulnerable to rising interest rates, he said.

"Deficits down but debt interests costs up: that is the stark reality of the debt problem. This is the huge and growing obstacle to the better future we all want and seek.

"The debt is a national problem. Getting it under control is a national challenge. Nothing less than a national commitment is required if we are to meet this challenge, and overcome it," Wilson said.

"The government will provide leadership. But everyone, except for the most needy among us, must be prepared to share in the effort in a tangible way."

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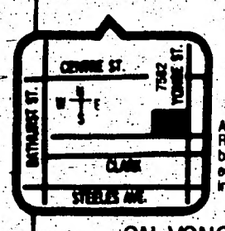

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New tax rules may hinder charitable donations

The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

Question: I've been involved in charitable fund raising for many years. I'm afraid that the new income tax rules are going to discourage people from giving to charity. Will you please clarify this matter and make it public.

Answer: Under the new rules, the federal tax credits for charitable donations are 17% up to the first $250 and 29% on the amounts above $250 to a maximum of 20% of income. These figures must be grossed up by 51% to include the Ontario tax. Therefore, the tax credit becomes 25.67% of the first $250 and 43.79% of the amount the $250 level.

Let's examine the numbers based on $1,000 of contribution. The tax credit will be $64.18 on the first $250 and $328.43 on the next $750 for a tax savings of $392.61. Of course, each additional $1,000 will give the donor a $437.90 tax credit.

Previously a person who was in the 25% tax bracket would save $250 on $1,000. Now the saving is $392.61. The person who was in the 35% tax bracket is at the same place, saving $392.61 against the previous $350. The person previously at the 50% rate is not as well off because his previous savings was $500 against the present $437.90.

When compared to the old tax system which was a straight deduction of contribution from income, the new system seems to aid people in the lower income brackets, the middle-income people unchanged, while it is less generous to people in higher income levels.

Will it hurt future charitable donations? We don't know for sure, but we think that people with higher incomes will continue to be generous and perhaps people in the lower bracket will be encouraged to become more generous.

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Have the savings portion withdrawn from your bank account regularly so that it flows easily. If you don't see the money and don't have to do anything, like writing a cheque each month, it will work and you will save.

Even small amounts over a long period of time add up. The important step is to get started.

Here are a few tips to follow:

- Don't buy on credit.
- Don't let debts linger, pay them off quickly.
- Don't borrow at excessive rates.
- Always comparison shop.
- Don't buy on impulse.
- Don't get behind in your taxes.
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Good luck in your efforts to save. It is worthwhile.

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Answer: It is wrong. The amount of contributions added back for the AMT computation of adjusted taxable income excludes deductions for transfers of funds from one registered plan of an individual to another registered plan. Therefore you should pay no tax on the sum transfered.

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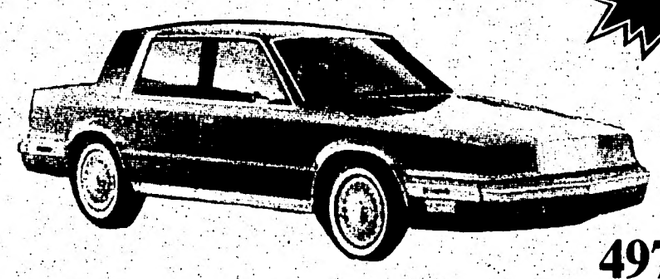

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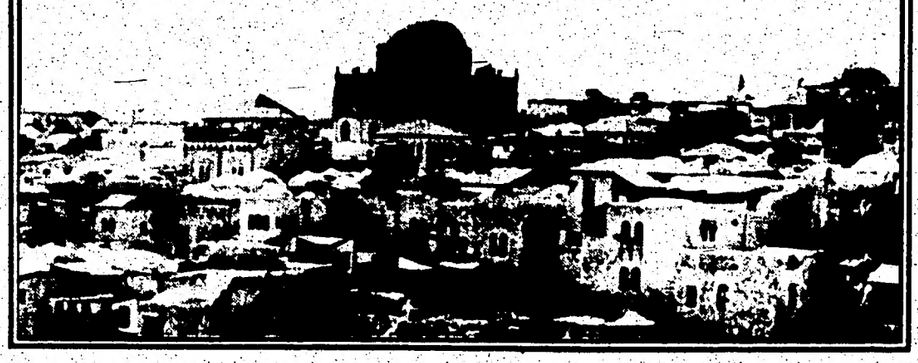

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Jewish public speaking contest proves popular

By MOURA WOLPERT

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But there weren't enough Jewish children in Peterborough. The Black family offered it to Canadian Jewish Congress, where it eventually faded out due to lack of interest.

Meanwhile Morris Black's son Richard, a family physician, his wife, Wendy, and their two young sons moved to Ancaster and discovered that Hamilton Haddassah also sponsored a contest. The two joined forces but with little better luck.

But changed to public speaking three years ago and renamed The Morris Black Memorial Public Speaking Contest, it suddenly took off.

With 60 entrants, including some from Guelph, Burlington and Mississauga, this year's contest on March 5 "was a tremendous success," reports Black. "The JCC was packed and every available squash court was used."

His co-chairman, Hamilton Hadassah public affairs chairman, Rose Paikin, was "thrilled," with the response.

In fact, the response was such that the number of prizes and trophies had to be increased, resulting in two winners at each level in the grades 4, 5 and 6 categories.

The most popular topic among the younger children was What It Is Like To Be A Jew In A Non-Jewish World, with The True Meaning Of Bar And Bat Mitzvah a close second, while the grade 7 and 8 participants all chose Thoughts On The Current Arab-Israeli Conflict.

For the first time the Morris Black Memorial Contest also sponsored a debate for high school students in grades 10 and 12, at the JCC. The topic was "be it resolved that Israel not give up any of the historic lands of Judea and Samaria."

Winners in the public speaking contest are grade 4, Johanna Haas-Hawkins and Naomi Loewith, 1st; Shani Shohan, Robyn Waxman, 2nd; Morry Black, David Levy, 3rd.

Grade 5: Ayelel Eppel, Michael Sadavoy, 1st; Sarah Hamovitch, Amy Bernstein, 2nd; Amit Morris, Shane Katz, 3rd.

Grade 6: Daisy Paikin, Daliah Szechtman, 1st; Jane Shkolnik, Malcolm Levy, 2nd; Yona Randor, Miriam Szechtman, 3rd.

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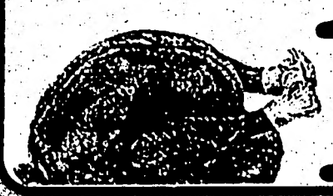

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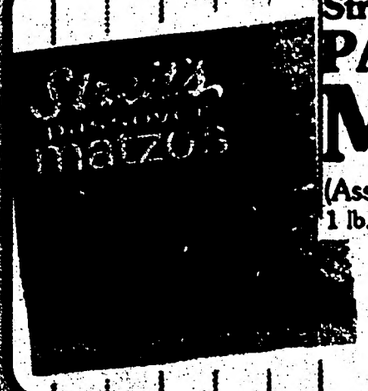

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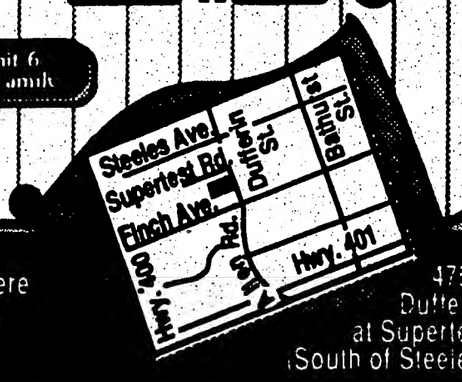

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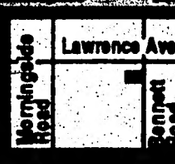

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To. Kashruth Council proud of accomplishments

By
ZAHAVA KLEINERT

TORONTO —

On the threshold of completing its fourth decade of service to the community, the Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress, recognized by the COR symbol, has become one of the most respected kashruth supervisory organizations in North America.

But before the Canadian Jewish Congress stepped in and unified the kashruth system in the community, it wasn't that way at all.

The kashruth system in the area was in disarray in the 1940s. J. Irving Oelbaum, the president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and several community leaders, met to discuss the conflicts that arose between rival kashruth jurisdictions that discredited the Jewish community and the Orthodox element in particular.

In a report published several years after this historic meeting, Oelbaum wrote, "A chaotic condition existed whereby consumers had no communally recognized authority whom they could look to for guidance."

Through negotiations and numerous meetings, the Division of Orthodox Synagogues was formed. It's mandate was to plan serious action for the establishment and support for an organized kashruth program in the region.

Meyer W. Gasner, a respected communal leader, accepted the challenge. Gasner became the founding chairman of the Division of Orthodox Synagogues (as it was then called). Under Gasner's leadership, rabbis, community leaders and Congress representatives worked together to build a system of supervision of kosher meat supplies, poultry and other kosher products.

An extensive survey was carried out in the Toronto Jewish community. It clearly indicated that an "overwhelming majority" of those surveyed wished to maintain a kosher home. The newly formed committee set in motion a plan of action that would establish a strong kashruth service for the community.

In one of his early reports to the community, Gasner noted that "only 50% of all poultry sold in Toronto as kosher is ritually slaughtered by a shoichet. The remaining 50%, though traif, is sold as kosher to you at higher prices, as though it were ritually slaughtered — you are the victim of this malpractice."

As well, he noted that there were some butchers catering to the Jewish community who displayed the word "kosher" on their premises and in their ads, who flagrantly purchased traif meat for sale to their Jewish customers.

The members of the Division launched a campaign against these butchers and offered affiliation to all those who were prepared to accept proper standards of kashruth.

Gasner said, "The Kashruth Committee of Congress will let nothing deviate it from its determination to make certain that the consumer of kosher meat is not victimized through malpractice." He asked consumers to support Congress certification. "To do otherwise," he added, "is to shut your eyes and lend a hand to your own deception."

Gasner worked closely with Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, the founding chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth. Rabbi Gedalia Felder assumed the position several months later, a position he held with distinction for 30 years until he became ill.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (second from the left), was in Toronto in 1960, to help avert a crisis in shechita. With him are (from left) J. Irving Oelbaum, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, Meyer W. Gasner, the founding president of the Kashruth Division of CJC, and Joseph Levine, an executive member of the Division.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, the vice-chairman of the Vaad, stepped into the position of acting chairman and Rabbi Moishe Silver became Kerzner's assistant.

Felder is a renowned talmudic scholar, well respected in the community and around the world. Through the rabbi's leadership of the Vaad, together with the lay committee, the Kashruth Division was able to ameliorate many of the problems that existed in the community. At the outset, they embarked on a campaign to negotiate with the dominant rabbinical groups.

Under the direction of Prof. Ben Lappin, who was then the executive director of the Central Region, Jack Jacobson, a member of the staff of Congress, was appointed to conduct research and assist with many of the organizational tasks.

By 1954, after more than a year of negotiating, three leading authorities signed agreements of cooperation with the new Division. The CJC agreed to recognize the supervisory jurisdictions of Rabbi David Ochs, Rabbi Meyer Greenwald and Rabbi Abraham Aron Price.

With a growing number of requests for kashruth supervision, the Division's executive, which included Prof. Jacob Finkelman and Joseph Levine, recruited the services of Nachman Shemen, an ordained rabbi and scholar, who became the secretary-director of the Orthodox Divsion. Their choice was unanimously applauded by the 12 pulpit rabbis who served on the Vaad and who saw Shemen as a unifying leader.

Yitz'hak Feldman

By 1960, the list of butchers displaying the Congress kashruth sign had expanded tremendously. The Consumers affairs department of the federal government had a law passed concerning the fraudulent use of "labelling, packaging, advertising or selling of food that does not meet the requirements of kashruth." Many butchers who did not come under COR supervision, removed their kosher symbols.

Hundreds of products were being investigated by the Kashruth department. Before granting certification, each ingredient has to be checked thoroughly at the source. Many more mashgichim (kosher supervisors) were engaged to supervise caterers, restaurants, health care facilities, camps and other community services.

An outstanding achievement of the Kashruth Council, was averting a crisis that arose in shechita — kosher ritual slaughter.

To negotiate with the government concerning federal laws that restricted Jewish slaughtering methods according to halacha, the Division invited two outstanding scholars from the United States, Rabbi Eliezer Silver and Rabbi Joseph D. Soloveitchik, as well as representatives from the Rabbinical Council of America and the Chief Rabbi of Montreal, Rabbi Pincus Hershsprung, to meet with government officials to help establish laws that would guarantee the proper ritual procedures. Their efforts were very successful.

Looking back, Shemen says it was these rabbis along with the cooperation of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and articulate community representatives such as Judge Sydney Harris, Ben Kayfetz and Rabbi Tzemach Zambrovski, who helped eliminate what could have been a devastating blow to kashruth observance in Canada.

As the department provided more and more kosher products and services for the community, the board recognized the need to establish a department of information to keep the community informed about kosher products and to set up educational programs.

Cynthia Gasner, a public relations consultant and journalist, was appointed by Saul Sigler, who had accepted the chairmanship of the Orthodx Division when Meyer Gasner retired due to illness. One of her first tasks was to redesign the information pamphlets and develop a Kashruth Directory which today has grown to 70 pages of kashruth information and listings of products and services.

The information department has a mailing list of more than 4,000 names from across Canada, the United States and beyond. These homes, as well as schools, synagogues and organizations receive, free of charge, updates to the directory, information on kashruth and the holidays, recipes and other COR publications throughout the year.

With the expansion of the educational programs, Esther Schwartz was engaged as the kosher food consultant. New programs were initiated for all segments of the community including, a speakers bureau, cooking classes, demonstrations, a kashruth display, and seminars on nutrition and special diets.

Along with the supervision of institutions such as nursing homes, hospitals, synagogues and hotels, the Vaad accepted the challenge of providing supervision to supermarkets. This is believed to be the only supervisory body to extend kashruth service to supermarkets.

Today, more than 250 food companies, producing thousands of products, are affiliated with COR. As well, airline meals, fish markets, retail kosher food stores, public institutions, resorts, takeout services, and numerous other kosher facilities are served by the Kashruth Council.

There is a staff of more than 50 mashgichim and other administrators who schedule inspections and provide their services to the extensive kashruth program.

For more than 10 years, Yitz'hak Feldman, an active communal worker who served as president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, has headed the Kashruth Council. Under his chairmanship, many new programs and computerized systems have been initiated to update fiscal and budgetary functions and expanded services to the community.

Feldman says, "Our aim is to be a non-profit, self-sustaining body and that all matters of halacha, will remain completely independent."

Today, the office has expanded to handle hundreds of calls for information each week. And to assist with the growing requests by companies for supervision, four years ago, Rabbi Mordechai Levin, an authority on ingredients and flavors used in processed products, was appointed as Shemen's assistant.

"We are very proud of our accomplishments over the years," says Shemen. "It is a very demanding department but one that is very rewarding. From the many letters of praise and the numerous voluntary contributions we receive in appreciation of our services, I know the community recognizes the efforts of my colleagues — the rabbis and lay leaders who voluntarily and generously give their time to maintain the best kashruth services we can provide.

"After 35 years as the director, it is my hope that the future leadership will be as dedicated as those people I have worked with throughout the years. This will guarantee the continuation of a high level of commitment and dignity in providing kosher foods for our community."

Marty Eisen (left), Mark Mietkiewicz, Barbara Norden and Debby Silverberg enjoy some fun and refreshments after a kosher cooking class for singles — one of the many educational programs sponsored by COR.

חג שמח

Duality of Pesach mirrors basic theme of freedom

By
RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

It is significant that while the whole story of the Exodus from Egypt is woven around the figure of Moses, the Passover Haggadah does not even mention his name.

As one commentator puts it: "The compilers of the Haggadah made no opportunity to quote even one saying or tale in praise of Moses, because their aim was to stress that the redemption from Egypt was to be ascribed to no one but to the Holy One; as it is written: "And the Lord brought us out of the Land of Egypt — not by an angel, nor by seraph, nor by a messenger: but the Holy One, in His own glory, and He alone."

During Pesach we try to see the finger of God in human history, to emphasize God's concern in man's well-being. When Moses first heard the Voice of God calling to him from the burning bush, that voice spoke not of abstruse philosophy or theological creed — but of the task of freeing an enslaved people: "I have seen the affliction of My people in Egypt — yea, I know their sorrow; and I am come down to deliver them."

Thus there is a 2-way relationship revealed between God and Israel; and a famous chassidic teacher described it by saying that God called the festival the "Feast of Unleavened Bread," in compliment to Israel's loyalty, while Israel called it "Pesach" in recognition of God's mercy in redeeming them.

Painted linen Passover banner, showing Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, from Germany, early 19th century.

This duality mirrors the basic theme of the festival — freedom. "Let my people go, that they may serve Me" was the message brought to Pharoah. Throwing off their physical shackles was only the prerequisite physical condition that would enable them to serve God. When the oppression of Egypt was removed from them, they were to pass from the degrading bondage of Pharoah to the elevating service of God. It was not only a "going forth" but also a "bringing up."

Freedom from slavery is in a sense, only a negative achievement. Freedom for "what" is the more important, the more constructive question. Of course, it is also more challenging.

How many nations abuse their freedom? "O Liberty. How many crimes are committed in thy name." There is no such thing as absolute freedom. A man may voluntarily make himself subservient to regulations and ideals which act as a restraining influence upon him or he can throw off such restrictions but he does not thereby become free he simply then becomes slave to his baser passions and lays himself open to a wilderness, a looseness and an emptiness characterized by the term lawlessness.

Is not this the mark of so many in the world to-day, surrounded by ease and plenty? Freedom from want, freedom from fear — yes; but freedom for what? "None can love freedom heartily but good men; the rest love not freedom, but licence."

Slavery has many forms. There are slaves of custom, of environment, of expediency, of success. Surely it was not for this that the first notes of freedom were sounded at the going forth from Egypt. For, in the words of rabbinic comment, "They are My servants and not servants of other servants."

The growing enslavement in our own time is the deep anxiety that is the mark of man's paradoxical status in a world shaken by so many upheavals while replete with technological advances. This represents the spiritual problem of our times for in the process of gaining mastery over the instruments of living, we are in danger of losing our grasp of the meaning of life.

The permanent and abiding message of Passover for Jews in all conditions of life — even for those who have left the Galut to live in the sovereign State of Israel — is the call, in every generation, to make a commitment and a decision between faith in some false, man-made idol, and faith in the one true God.

As the Haggadah puts it: "In every generation a man is in duty bound to see himself as if he personally had gone forth from Egypt." Only in this way can we hope to find the peace of mind with which to cope with the exigencies of the modern world. Only this way leads to freedom.

May all of us be blessed with the strength and wisdom to enjoy a healthy and spiritually gratifying Pesach.

Rabbi Eli Gottesman and inmate Simon Mikhelashuili, a Soviet Jew at Ogdensburg Correction Facility.

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By
BEN ROSE

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When Rabbi Eli Gottesman of Montreal shows up at the gates of a correctional facility in upstate New York, the guards know the bagels and cream cheese are not far behind.

The well-travelled prison chaplain won national recognition recently on CBC-TV, and hit the front pages of three New York dailies, when he officiated at belated bar mitzvahs for four prisoners at Bear Hill Correctional facility in Malone, NJ, and 2 at Riverview, Correctional Facility Ogdensburg a week earlier (CJN March 23). Two inmates at Bear Hill and one at Ogdensburg were Soviet Jews.

To provide a "kiddish" for the inmates, their ralatives and prison staff Gottesman brings in bagels, cream cheese and other goodies.

The chaplain makes a 200-mile round trip to the prisons he visits every week, one of his tasks being the preparation of the inmates for belated bar mitzvahs.

The first bar mitzvah ever performed in a New York state prison was done by Gottesman three years ago. Another one resulted from an unusual combination of circumstances. He had started to prepare a Bear Hill inmate for his bar mitzvah but he was transferred to a facility in the Catskills out of the chaplain's region. There were repeated emotional requests from the inmate's mother and grandmother for Gottesman to go to the new location, not in his region, to perform the ceremony.

As it happened, later that year, the rabbi attended a conference of prison chaplains at Grossingers only 20 miles from Otisville where the young inmate was. He happened to mention this to the New York state commissioner of corrections who was at the conference and the next day the commissioner and a party of three official cars followed the rabbi into Otisville past stunned gate guards. The bar mitzvah took place.

Gottesman, who is also an assistant dean at Merkaz Hatalmud in Montreal, has many other duties as a chaplain. For instance he arranges three kosher meals a day for Jewish prisoners during Jewish holidays. He also arranges for a succah to be built at the prisons he visits, and one seder is held at each one.

Gottesman, a former chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, is the editor of Who's Who in Canadian Jewry.

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David Peterson

חג שמח

A transformation of the people

Passover revitalizes sanctification

By
ABRAHAM RZEPKOWICZ

As part of the tale of leaving Egypt, a major aspect of the Haggadah is the recollection of how the Jewish people sprang from lowly sources.

In the Talmud, (Pesachim 116a), one opinion mentions that we should remember that our ancestors were menial slaves in Egypt. An alternate opinion is presented which recalls how our ancestors were errant, idol worshipping Arameans. The Haggadah includes mention of both views of Jewish history.

Of what value is it to recall these negative aspects of our forebears? If other nations do not deny some of the unflattering aspects of their roots, they certainly do not incorporate them in their national and religious ceremonies.

However, at Pesach, the Jews do so explicitly in order to emphasize a concept which is presented virtually at the beginning of the evening. This point is crucial to the seder in that each and everyone of us is enjoined to view himself or herself as experiencing the Exodus from Egypt. We must feel: "This year we are slaves; next year — free men!"

A further question which deserves consideration is how the Torah defines the concept of being free. Moses came to say: "Let my people go" (Exodus 7:16). Pharoah's compliance to such a request would have been mere emancipation, i.e., a change of legal status.

Remember, however, that Moses concluded his basic request with the stipulation: ". . . So they will serve Me." In the case of the Exodus, the emancipation was for a specific purpose. The Jewish People were to serve their former masters, the Egyptians, no longer, but, rather, the Master of the Universe, the Almighty, Himself.

In examining the description of the Jews' departure from Egypt, we are actually dealing with a transformation of the people. This transformation was not effected merely by witnessing the power and the wonders of G-d. To understand this facet of the Redemption one must examine what that first Pesach celebration in Egypt intended to accomplish.

Those acts and symbols indicated that event a process of initiation and elevation. The Jewish people were, only a short time before, broken and demoralized under the yoke of slavery. Now, as they were waiting for imminent emancipation, they were called upon to undertake actions exalted in the performance of the Divine decree.

Each and every Jew was enlisted to cast off slavery and perform holy service. Only the de jure freedom from slavery required that the Egyptians chase them out of the land.

The self-evident freedom would eventually flower into G-d's call for the Jews to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:6) before Mount Sinai where they would witness the Divine presence itself and receive the Divine word.

When in the course of human history has any people, as a whole, been commanded to strive for priestly status? Other peoples have their class of priests, people set aside exclusively to deal with the divine. All Jews, in contrast, have the responsibility for relating to holy matters.

This revolution from a state of servitude to that of holy service is what the Torah describes as the freedom of the Jews in leaving Egypt.

So when Jews are commanded each year to relive the experience of leaving Egypt, it is to undertake that same elevation to sanctified duty and observance. When the Temple was still standing, the commandment of the paschal lamb required everyone to undertake the sacrificial service, as it were.

In our day, the Seder brings together the various symbols and retells the tale of those ancient moments of sanctification. Each year we seek to revitalize this experience as we celebrate Pesach through the millennia and multitude of generations.

This purpose is brought to culmination at the seder in reciting the Hallel, which is traditionally called the Hallel of Egypt (Pesachim 56a).

Its verse strikes the crucial chord of the holiday's achievement of freedom: "He raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts the needy out of the dunghill: That he may set him with the princes, even with the princes of His people" (Pslams 113:7-8).

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Exhibits open worlds of history

Tel Aviv's Diaspora Museum depicts Jewish survival

By
CAROLYN LECKER

TEL AVIV — With the advent of Pesach nearly upon us, we are preparing to commemorate an exodus from slavery and renewed freedom and survival.

Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Disapora in Tel Aviv explores and documents the survival of Jewish people over thousands of years in exile. After 10 successful years, the museum has reason to celebrate its own success.

What is most extraordinary is that such a lauded museum has scarcely an authentic artifact in it. Whatever is housed here, has been fashioned by artists and master craftsmen, but they are for the most part copies and models to show what is no longer there, to explain and help us remember.

A reconstruction of the Arch of Titus at Beth Hatefutsoth shows the candelabrum and the holy vessels in Titus' triumphal procession after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

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- **Among The Nations** offers a chronology of Jewish life in selected communities in history.
- **Return To Zion** deals with the historic hope that had its fulfilment in the creation of the State of Israel.

What is new and special about the Diaspora Museum is how tools are employed for educating and storytelling. There are 100 films and various computer programs for a visitor to choose from and individually view on a television monitor. There are various computer programs available dealing with Jewish communities throughout the world, general data and quiz games.

Recently a popular program addition was included providing visitors with information on Jewish family names, their sources and meaning. Such educating tools, in their uniqueness are being introduced to similar study centres in other countries.

A computer program has been developed for entering family trees and tracking down possible links with other families.

Special study areas also allow visitors to experience Jewish music. The very concept of "Jewish music" requires such a broad definition that these include tapes ranging from liturgical to folk to symphony works by Jewish and Israeli composers. So far 500 cassettes containing 1,500 pieces are available, as well as a comprehensive catalogue.

International travelling exhibits have included exhibits about Jews in Romania, Cuba, Egypt, Poland, Italy, Libya, Ethiopia, Austria, Tunisia, China and India. There have been specialty tours with exhibits on Judaism in medieval art, Jewish theatre, synagogues and on and on . . .

Canada has had its share of travelling exhibits from the Diaspora Museum. Just recently a show about the Jews of Shanghai was viewed in Montreal. And of course, in 1990 the new Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Que. will premiere A Coat of Many Colors, a major exhibit about Canadian Jewish community contributions in the last 200 years.

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Some evidence of maladaptive behavior

The Holocaust: How has it affected 2nd generation?

In excerpts from a paper which appeared in the Australian Jewish Times, psychiatrist DR. GEORGE FOSTER discusses the psychological effects of the Holocaust on the children of survivors — the second generation.

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In the late 60s and early 70s, evidence accumulated which seemed to indicate that the impact of severe traumatization suffered by parents was transmitted in various forms to their offspring.

Sigal in 1973 contended that individuals experiencing severe psychological stress will develop distortions in their capacity for human relationships.

This would hamper Holocaust survivors' ability to form healthy parenting relationships with their children, which will, in turn, lead to maladaptive behavior in the second generation.

However, one must again guard against broad generalizations. Some studies in Israel show no real differences in rates of psychological disturbance between children of survivors and other children, whereas studies in the United States and Canada have shown an alarming number of children of survivors bearing a striking resemblance to the concentration camp syndrome (a special form of post-traumatic stress disorder).

There are two possible reasons for these differences: first, these studies are based again on people who have presented themselves to mental health services and second, there is in Israel nationwide support for refugees, but the North American survivors were still aliens whose ordeal had not been recognized as part of a national experience.

Communications made by survivor parents vary a great deal, just as they do in parents who have never suffered any significant trauma.

Nevertheless, there have been some studies done which have highlighted particular "styles of communication" which may have either positive or negative effects on their children. Some of these styles are as follows:

• Either parent's frequent and willing discussion of wartime experiences and the transmission of factual material. Either extreme or excessive talking about Holocaust experiences or the opposite — lack of communication, avoidance and denial of these experiences — can lead to increased emotional distress in the children.

• Guilt-inducing communication by either parent. One example of this is the child who in normal course of adolescent rebellion is unable to express normal anger at his/her parents for fear of causing more pain to already traumatized parents — eg., a comment such as "For this I survived Auschwitz" in response to something done by the children to upset his parents, is obviously guilt-inducing in the child.

• Awareness of the Holocaust at a young age and its non-verbal presence in the home, as conveyed by either parent; for example, many children bear the names of deceased relatives, names that carry the responsibility for the lost life as well as their own may place a heavy burden on the child.

• Indirect communication about the Holocaust typified by situations wherein parents or other relatives would make references to Holocaust events while the children were within earshot, but little factual information would be conveyed, e.g., "It was raining like this the day we were deported from the ghetto," without further elaboration.

• The recounting of Holocaust experiences in a highly emotional way was not related to significant problems in the children. However, the more traumatic the parents' experience, the more likely they were to become emotionally involved in the recounting of their experiences.

Having noted this, however, there did appear in some studies to be a relationship between the severity of trauma experienced by the survivor and the extent of emotional distress in their offspring.

• Survivor parents may be overprotective, unable to emotionally support (owing to incomplete mourning leading to emotional unavailability) and expect their children to continue their own interrupted lives.

Judith Kestenberg acknowledges the potential for children of survivors to resolve problems creatively and indicates "there is a balance between unusual ego strength and a measure of pathology, both developed partially out of the stress of being born under the shadow of the Holocaust."

Did the severe traumatization experienced by Holocaust survivors affect the behavior of their children?

Further in this vein, Zoli Zlotogorski in a 1983 study comparing normally functioning survivors from a uniformly high socio-economic background with a comparable sample of non-survivor families found no differences in family cohesiveness, deviations from optimal levels of functioning or family adaptability.

Again, what must be emphasized is that previous studies concentrated on clinical samples, that is, people presenting to a mental health service or professionals, whereas Zlotogorski's study is based on a random sample of survivors whose names were obtained from Holocaust survivor organizations.

This brings me to the possible emotional effects on the second generation.

There may be a "psychic numbing" or suppression of feelings and apparent indifference on the part of the child. However, behind this may lie a range of feelings.

These include horror and terror, with their own nightmares; guilt, for example, an irrational fear of being responsible for their parents' suffering or having to compensate for it; anger, both at parents and at the world for either allowing or not responding to their parents' suffering.

This later may be translated into a pervasive mistrust of others. The child of survivors may have fantasies or elaborations of more minimal parental accounts.

Some children have difficulties identifying with their parents. When they did identify with such depressed, despairing, "uprooted" and hollow parents they themselves became depressed and alienated.

Beyond this, children of survivors are as varied in personalities, political views and religious observance as the Jewish community as a whole. Several authors concede that there has not been revealed a distinct or unique pattern of psychological disorder in the second generation.

Indeed, it may be argued that many of these children have become less psychologically vulnerable, more competent and more creative as a result of their intrafamilial experiences.

Schmolling presents us with the following question: "Is there nothing special, then, about the psychological make-up of children of survivors?" He believes there may be, suggesting that "It does not lie in the realm of psychopathology but in certain ways of perceiving the self in relation to the world."

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Turkish Jews feel the need to maintain a low profile

By
JUDY NOYEK

ISTANBUL —

Narrowly divided between Europe and Asia by the Bosphorus strait, the ancient city of mystery and intrigue which is Istanbul, struggles with the modern realities of congestion and pollution.

Political duality is evident with Turkey's overt support of Arab countries and policies, while maintaining relations with Israel.

The Jewish presence in Turkey dates from Greek and Roman times. Halachic and Kabbalistic study flourished during periods of religious tolerance. Joseph Caro compiled the Shulchan Aruch here, and Shabbetai Zevi declared himself the messiah in Turkey.

Most of today's Jewish residents trace their Turkish ancestry to 1492, when Jews fleeing the Inquisition found Turkey a hospitable refuge.

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Jews in Turkey, the government is planning events for 1992. Jewish residents suggest that this is a mechanism for the government to enhance its democratic image in the United States.

After the establishment of the State of Israel, nearly half of its Jewish population made aliya. As a result almost every remaining family has relatives living in Israel.

Zionist activities are banned, but direct and frequent El Al and Turkish Airline flights connect Tel Aviv and Istanbul.

The 20,000 Jews in Istanbul, and 2,000 in Izmir, the major Jewish communities in Turkey, live in relative financial comfort, with no outward anti-semitism.

However, the curb side entrance to Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul has surveillance cameras, strategically placed above massive metal doors. They are permanent reminders of the only terror attack this community experienced.

Terrorists, posing as journalists, gunned down all but two congregants on Sept. 6, 1986 during the first Shabbat service conducted after the rebuilding of the synagogue. The perpetrators were never caught.

Today, security guards inside the large bulletproof glass enclosed lobby probe visitors with oversized metal detectors before permitting entry to the sanctuary.

Shabbat services are conducted in the Sephardi tradition, with the liturgy chanted in Turkish melodies. There was a bar mitzvah the Shabbat I attended and over 300 worshippers were present. Regular attendance is considerably lower.

Twenty-two-year-old Yossi volunteers to help protect the synagogue. He is a university student and serves as a leader of Jewish youth.

He explained that six clubs function to bring young people together to develop a Jewish identity through sports activities, Israeli folk-dancing and conferences. Rabbis serve as Hebrew teachers in the community.

Once or twice a year these groups exchange visits with youth in Izmir. There is no established connection with Jewish communities outside Turkey, so there is a real feeling of isolation.

Yossi, who has been to Israel, is concerned about the future of this Jewish community. He estimates intermarriage at about 20%. Assimilation is increasing and Yossi laments the reality of limited community resources to combat the trend.

The Jewish community maintains a very low profile. Remaining silent appears to be the communal characteristic.

It is obvious that the Turkish news media is anti-Israel. Coverage of the current intifada has compared Israeli treatment of the Palestinians, to German treatment of the Jews during World War II.

During the Six Day War, Turkish radio and TV played Egyptian songs constantly, and news reports presented false propaganda of Arab victories, and Israeli defeats. After the war, the Turks had to deal with the truth.

Because the Jewish community cannot appear Zionistic, there is no protesting the biased reports from the Middle East.

Istanbul's Jews are professionals, university professors, and businessmen. Many have summer residences on a popular island, where the marina is referred to as the Jewish navy.

Kosher food, including meat, and a kosher restaurant are available. All Jewish holidays are observed and the community makes its own Passover matzah. There is a beth din and five functioning synagogues, reduced from what was once 30.

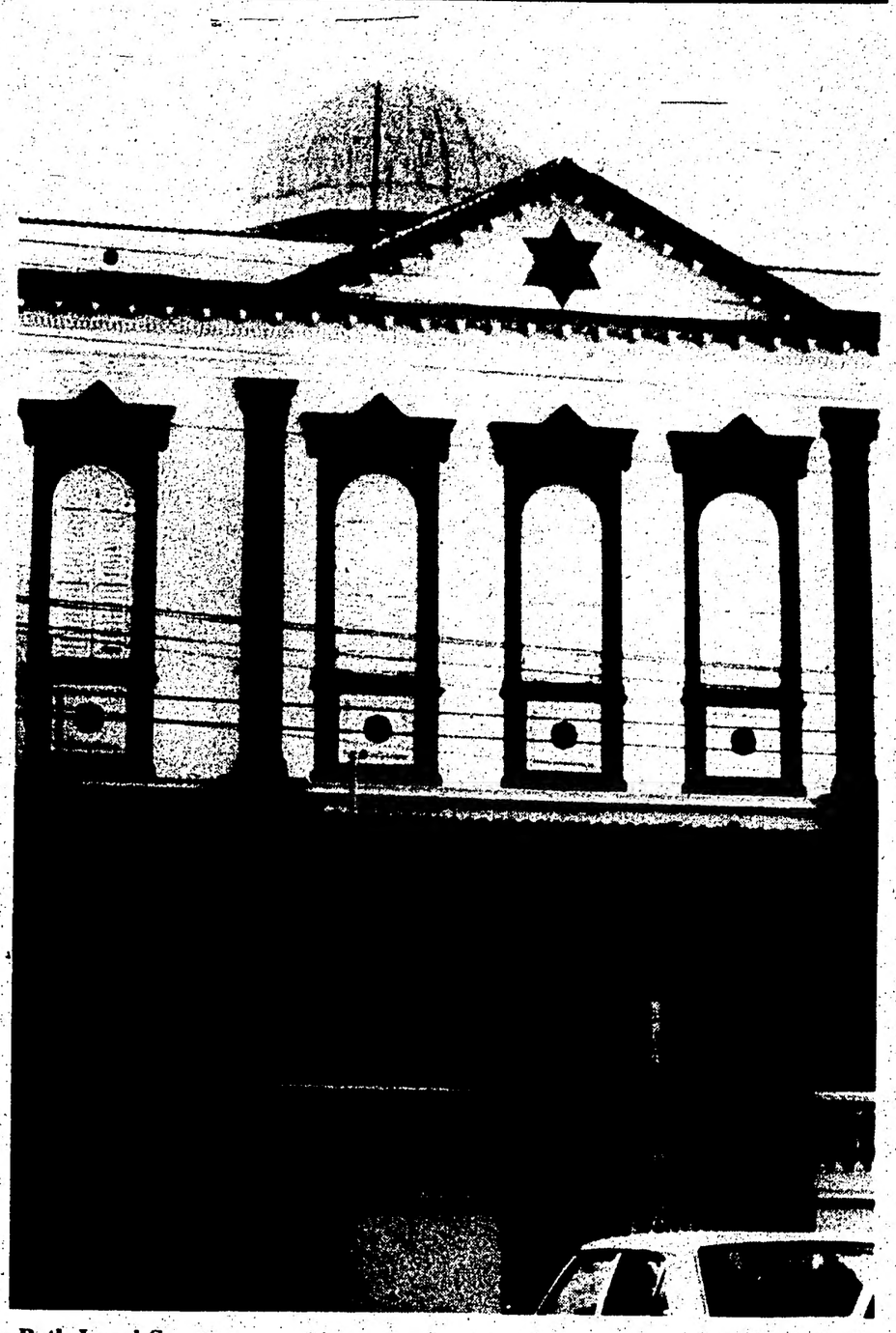
Two hundred miles from Istanbul, in Izmir the second largest Jewish community in Turkey, I met the family of Israeli friends. They live with a sense of insecurity in Izmir, the city that has been home for generations, but where they no longer feel comfortably at home.

Some local Jews cannot escape feeling that they live under scrutiny in an "open ghetto" in Izmir.

It is suggested that this Jewish community will last another 10 to 20 years. At present they support a centre for their youth to meet each other, a school, two homes for the aged, and a Jewish hospital which admits non-Jews.

The entire family, three generations, gathered at my host's home on the first night of my visit. The children sang and danced. Family photo albums, and scrapbooks were passed. Questions on Jewish law and custom were discussed.

As the next day approached, my new friend remarked, "if we could spend every night like this it would be wonderful." We realized that while friendship usually develops with time, in Izmir friendship develops because there is no time.



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Commemorate 500th anniversary of expulsion of Jews

Worldwide celebration of Sephardim set for Spain

By
TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The year-long observance three years hence commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of all Jews by the Catholic King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella is being promoted as "Spain's re-encounter with its brilliant Jewish past," and as an earnest message that modern democratic Spain has finally broken with centuries of medieval anti-semitism.

The government of Spain and the country's small Jewish community are sending emissaries to Israel and the Diaspora with formal invitations to come to Toledo for the celebration of "Sepharad 92."

The message was carried to Los Angeles last month by Samuel Toledano, the secretary-general of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain, who spoke to some 250 invited guests at the Sephardi Temple Tifereth Israel.

The event was hosted by officials of Spain's Iberia Airline, not entirely unmindful of the tourist possibilities, who presented an elaborate photographic exhibit and commemorative book, alongside a lavish buffet.

Toledano read a message from the mayor of Toledo, who expressed his pride that his ancient city has been chosen as the capital of the Sepharad.

Toledo, the mayor wrote, "was the meeting place of two cultures which never should have been separated," and he phrased his invitation to come for a visit as "an appeal to an absent brother to return home."

Leading up to 1992, the planning commission for Sepharad is organizing the following projects throughout Spain:

• A course on the history of the Jews in Spain will be introduced in all Spanish secondary schools, a subject considered taboo until very recently, Toledano said.

As part of the course, students will be encouraged to look for remnants of past Jewish life in their communities and write essays, with the best essayist rewarded each year with a trip to Israel.

• The old Jewish qaurters will be restored in Toledo — once the seat of the Inquisition — Seville, Cordoba and other cities.

• A guide to Jewish Spain is in preparation and markers will be placed at historic Jewish sites.

• A biblical garden will take form in the Toledo municipal park, with references to Jewish contributions to Spanish agriculture.

"This is a very simpatico project," said Toledano, noting that Jews first brought grapes to Spain and introduced wine making.

• The 1992 international exposition in Seville will feature a pavilion of the History of the Jewish People and Israel, with the theme, "Three Thousand Years of Jewish History."

Such projects might be considered impressive in any nation, but they are close to awesome in a country which first eliminated and then suppressed all outward signs of Jewish life in its recent history.

In a concise history lecture, ranging from the Spanish pogroms and massacres of 1391 to the present, Toledano recalled that, after the expulsion, no Jews were permitted to live in Spain until 1869.

Although the Franco regime is credited with shielding and rescuing a considerable number of Jews during the Holocaust, Jews had no religious rights and the few, semi-clandestine synagogues had to be disguised as commercial enterprises.

"At that time, up to 1968, you would find 'companies' with such names as 'Bet Zion Inc.' or 'Bet Knesset Inc.'" Toledano said.

With the formal repeal of the edict of expulsion in 1968, the lot of the Jews improved, while the new democratic constitution of 1978 and the Law of Religious Liberty in 1980 legalized the separation of church and state and nullified the status of Catholicism as the official state religion.

Currently, 12,000 Jews live in Spain, a nation of 45 million. Some 3,500 Jews reside in Madrid and an equal number in Barcelona, with the rest scattered throughout the country.

About 60% are Sephardim, with most of the Ashkenazim arriving during and shortly after the Hitler period.

Many of the Sephardim emigrated from North Africa and Latin America, and Toledano himself, a 58-year-old industrialist, moved from Tangier, Morocco, to Spain 30 years ago.

However, he proudly traces his ancestry back to one Daniel Toledano, who lived in Toledo at the beginning of the 15th century, and the line continues to the present with his grandson, also named Daniel.

Overseeing preparations for the Sepharad is an international commission coordinated by the World Sephardi Federation and headed by former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, currently Israel's minister of education. The commission's executive board, which represents Sephardi communities throughout the world met last month in New York. The American Sephardi Federation is spearheading community involvement for the 500th anniversary in the United States.

But the commemoration is by no means limited to Sephardim. "Just as we cannot describe the Holocaust as solely an Ashkenazi tragedy, so was the expulsion of the Jews from Spain a terrible blow to the consciousness of all Jews," observed Toledano.

The year 1992 will be quite a year for Spain. Besides the Sepharad, the Olympic Games will be held in Barcelona ("However," interjected Toledano, "the Olympics are held every four years, but a Sepharad only once every 500 years").

Add to that the quincentennial celebration of Christian Spain's final victory over the Muslims, Columbus' discovery of America (the last Jew left Spain on exactly the same day that Columbus set sail for the New World) and Madrid's designation for that year as the European Capital of Culture by the European Economic Community.

Will Spain be able to accommodate the onsalught of tourists? "No problem," reassured Francisco Rebolleno of Iberia. "We handle 45 million tourists in a normal year, doubling the population of the country. Besides, we are building hotels like crazy."

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Artist Kashetsky puts emotional view ...

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

SAINT JOHN, NB — Herzl Kashetsky has secured a distinguished place in the annals of Canadian art history.

With his paint brush, the talented, soft-spoken Saint John artist has captured the turn-of-the-century era of the Jewish immigrants who came over from the Old Country and settled in this city and Fredericton.

Acquired recently by Fredericton's Beaverbrook Art Gallery, one of Canada's major art museums, Kashetsky's painting *From the Family Album*, hangs alongside Dalis, Kreighoffs and Gainsboroughs in the gallery's permanent collection.

The life-like painting, which has been magnified and translated into monochromatic tones, is based on an archival snapshot of 33 members of Kashetsky's greater family. In the painting are his late father (when he was 10), his grandfather, his uncle Hymie Kashetsky — one of the handful of these people living today — and other relatives (from the Budovitch, Swetsky, Crandall, and Kaplan families).

The original photograph was taken in 1916 on Saint John's Main St. in the old Jewish district. The painting is a four foot by six foot acrylic canvas.

The work is done in layers of very thin glaze, painted on a titanium white surface. A transparent medium is mixed with black acrylic polymer. Overlapping layers of the black acrylic determine the depth of shadow. He explains that the blacker areas required up to 25 layers of paint and the artist spent six months over several years working on the major work.

It was a long laborious process taken a step at a time and it doesn't allow for corrections. "Once the whites are gone," he says, "you can't bring them back. So the figures appeared slowly as if out

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of a fog, as if out of the past."

The 39-year-old artist says that he feels there is something of him in the painting. "It brought members of my family back to life for me."

Herzl's father operated an antique store in Saint John. As a young boy, he recalls that he was fascinated by the patterns and designs in colored glass, china, porcelain figures and other pieces in the shop.

He was also inspired by his talented brother Joseph, an established artist who operated a Fredericton gallery. As a child, he would peer over his brother's shoulders as he sat in his room drawing. "I was fascinated by the magic of creating images and was moved by my brother's work." Joseph died of a heart attack in 1974 at the age of 33.

"By the time I was in high school, I was drawing

Herzl Kashetsky

all the time, but without any sense of direction. My natural inclination was towards the visual image for expression."

Kashetsky received a Bachelor of fine arts degree with distinction from Concordia University in Montreal. While at the university, after much soul searching, he decided to forgo a conventional life and devote himself to art and to the exploration of the unconscious.

He had rheumatoid arthritis and his doctor advised him not to embark on a career in which he would have to use his hands. But some inner spirit made him disregard his doctor's advice.

Kashetsky travelled extensively throughout North America and Europe visiting numerous museums and galleries. "I became deeply moved by art. It seemed my spirit mingled with the spirits of paintings. Sometimes I would almost be moved to tears as a painting reached inside to touch my soul."

This emotional dimension is reflected in his works. "Art is like a seachlight for the meaning of life. It is a scanner over the surface of the human spirit. Making its way across the topography of one's soul, seeking out the essence of things."

He believes that life filters through the artist onto the canvas. "A painting does not have to look real to the eyes, but must feel real to the heart. Exterior reality is the window to an inner reality."

The versatile artist says, "I work in no one medium. I use every medium and do a bit of everything — scenes of Saint John, buildings, still life, interiors, calligraphy and human figures."

Although his subjects are diversified, Kashetsky's significant body of works reflects his personal experiences. Many are mementos and history of his Jewish roots.

Some of the artists' paintings reflect unhappiness. "I've experienced a lot of sadness and maybe I'm able to cover it up in my daily life," says Kashetsky. "But deep down, art is the expression of the deepest part of a person. There have been three deaths in my family, my father, brother, and sister. Death is a very real thing to me."

But there is also an optimism in his paintings. *His Family Album* is about heritage and roots and new beginnings.

Last year, a watercolor painting by Kashetsky was presented to Queen Elizabeth. *Made in England* a still-life, was part of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colors Diamond Jubilee collection. The painting is now in the Royal Collection of Paintings and Watercolors at Windsor Castle with the works of Picasso, Rembrandt and Monet.

Kashetsky's drawings and paintings are in many personal and corporate collections across Canada including the Confederation Art Centre, Charlottetown, The New Brunswick Museum, The Canada Council Art Bank in Ottawa, Shell Canada in Calgary, Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Cumberland Drugs, Montreal, and Brittania Sportswear Ltd. in Vancouver.

Kashetsky has had many group and solo exhibitions. When the Saint John Jewish Museum opens for the season in June, Kashetsky will present an exhibition on a Judaic theme. And next year, he will have a major exhibition at The Art Gallery of Hamilton in Hamilton, Ont.

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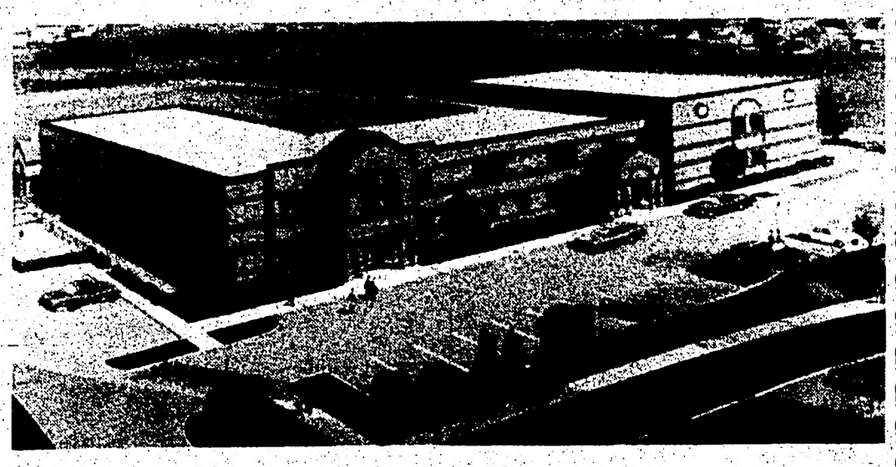

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Baal teshuvah problems revealed

DAVID MARGOLIS, a Los Angeles-based writer, is a baal teshuvah. This article about those who have left the "return" movement was made possible by a grant from The Fund for Journalism on Jewish life, supported by the CRB Foundation of Montreal.

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Increasing numbers of baalei teshuvah are back on the secular streets again, and their defection suggests second thoughts about the much-touted success of the baal teshuvah phenomemon.

Opponents of Orthodoxy's kiruv (outreach) enterprise, however, should not be heartened by the phenomemon of defection. None of the lapsed baalei teshuvah interviewed have substituted affiliation with Reform, Conservative or secular Jewish organizations. All but one have completely bailed out of the Jewish world.

Most kiruv rabbis deny defection, at least from their own institutions. The director of West Coast Chabad, for example, asserts that Chabad does not have the problem. "But," he confides, "if you ask the misnagdim (non-chassidic Orthodox), you'll find plenty." A spokesman for non-chassidic Agudath Israel likewise knows no baalei teshuvah who have left his community.

But, he suggests off the record, "Take a look at Chabad. They have plenty of people like that." A regional director of Aish ha-Torah says he knows no baalei teshuvah who have left Orthodox life.

Suri Kasirer, director of Outreach at New York's (Orthodox) Lincoln Square Synagogue, however, acknowledges knowing "a lot" of lapsed baalei teshuvah. And Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, director of the National Jewish Outreach Program, even suggests why they leave.

"The greatest source of alienation," says Buchwald, "is the failure of baalei teshuvah to find suitable mates." Sociologist Herbert Danzger agrees. "Getting married and raising children is what ties you into the community," he says.

Unmarried former baalei teshuvah, however, point out the difficulty of assimilating old sensibilities into new lives.

Take the case of a 35-year-old college professor who, like most of the former baalei teshuvah interviewed requested anonymity. A lively woman who grew up in a Conservative home in suburban New York, she chose Orthodoxy because Jewish law was "a system aimed at making a better world."

As an adult, she devoted herself to prayer, Jewish study and left-wing political causes. But after 15 years as a traditional Jew, she lost her long inner struggle with Orthodoxy's "right-wing" political positions, "too particularistic" attitude toward non-Jews and restrictions on women's opportunities for learning. She abandoned observance and all Jewish affiliation.

One of the best-known accounts of the baal teshuvah experience is Michael Graubert Levin's Journey To Tradition, published two years ago. Though strictly observant for five years, Levin maintained his old social and professional ties.

But moving back and forth between worlds made him increasingly alienated and lonely. "The most successful baalei teshuvah," he wrote, "are the ones who most completely cut the ties with their old way of life."

Levin's actual path, however — he stayed in the Jewish world and is currently reconnecting himself to Orthodoxy — would seem to recommend synthesis of secular and religious identities. Nevertheless, Levin, 30, still believes that the simpler path is to leave the secular world completely. "The people who have it easiest," he insists, "accept the whole package. They shut off a part of their old selves."

But that's the wrong choice, says Orthodox Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, director of the National Jewish Center for Learning and a longtime observer of the baal teshuvah movement. "The more drastic the change," he insists, "the less stable it is."

In Greenberg's view, the kiruv movement often errs by aiming at making the returner an Orthodox sectarian rather than just a more Jewish Jew. "If you provide people with multiple models — from non-observant all the way to very observant — more of them will distribute themselves along the spectrum than if you offer them only one big jump," he says.

The larger problem, however, may be that almost no effort is made to match seekers with the rabbis or communities best suited to them. "Each rabbi holds on to the baal teshuvah for himself," laments Rabbi Meir Fund of Brooklyn, who has worked extensively with baalei teshuvah. "But if you go to the wrong surgeon, you can die on the operating table."

Rabbi Buchwald voices a similar concern. "The outreach rabbi," he says, "must demonstrate that there are different ways of being Orthodox."

It is not surprising that most lapsed baalei teshuvah, even from Orthodox's liberal wing, see non-Orthodox-Judaism as inauthentic. For example, a 26-year-old editor from a totally assimilated home who was frum for nearly two years is now married to a non-Jew. She rejects the idea of affiliating with the Reform movement, despite its emphasis on outreach to intermarrieds. "There's no substance in Reform," she says.

The indifference of so many former baalei teshuvah to klal Yisrael, the Jewish collectivity, suggests a failure in how they have been trained. "I cared only for the halachic system and feel no connection to Jewish peoplehood," the college professor could say after 15 years in the Orthodox world.

"The one thing I never had, didn't gain and still don't have," one former baal teshuvah remarks, "is a feeling for the Jewish people." For many returners, the search for spirituality or community apparently remained purely personal.

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Wind farms

KATZRIN — Israel's first wind farm for the commercial scale generation of electric power is to be set up within a year near this community north east of the Sea of Galilee, says Innovation, a report on Israeli industry and science.

Wind regimen observations have been in progress for several years in different parts of Israel, in an effort to identify the most promising sites for the commercial utilization of wind energy.

Although most renewable energy enthusiasts are aware of its inherent limitations, they also stress the outstanding advantages of wind power: it is absolutely nonpolluting, and it can satisfy some local needs, thus reducing dependence on long distance transmission lines.

The present program's initiators — Mei-Golan Wind Energy Ltd. — intend this to be the first of as many as nine such projects in this area.

At the site near Katzrin they aim at an output of up to five megawatt, reportedly with the use of wind generators made in Austria.

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Dictionaries provide epithets for "Jew"

MARTIN SABLE of Milwaukee is a retired professor of library science with additional expertise in languages and Latin-American studies. Inspired by reports of the Oxford English Dictionary's continued uncomplimentary definition of the word "Jew," Sable examines the definition of "Jew" in dictionaries of a number of languages.

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Historical authenticity justifies the continued inclusion of offensive Jewish terms in Britain's Concise Oxford Dictionary, according to its editor's recent pronouncement.

How do other Gentiles around the world label Jews? Consulting foreign-language dictionaries under "Jew" can be a revelation.

The Swedes have a word, "oskattbar" (worth a Jew's eye), indicating pricelessness. Most nations, including the hospitable Dutch, say "Jew-baiting."

The French say "juiver" (to jew) when they mean "to dupe in selling." The most scholarly French dictionary says: "A Jew, a usurer after gain. What a devil! What a Jew, what an Arab he is!" Here they play no favorites.

To Romanians, "jewing" signifies cheating, deluding, duping, pickpocketing and swindling.

"Juddenpak" may sound like "a pack of Jews," but it means "Jewish rabble," immigrant Polish Jews speaking broken German. Incidentally, both "juddenpak" and "Jewish shop" exist in a German dictionary published in Luxembourg.

A provincial German usage for "tit for tat" translates literally: "You strike my Jew, I strike your Jew," obviously derived from a childhood game. What a message.

Germans say "judeln" (to speak and act like a Jew), but in a different vein: "stolz auf sein Juden sein" (to be proud of being a Jew).

Languages are paradoxical: Hungarian and Serbo-Croation (i.e. Yugoslavian) dictionaries list "Jew-baiting" and "Jew-broker," concealing their country's traditions, whereas the more tolerant Italians' lexicons overflow with epithets, mainly from the 1600s.

To cite from a 1545 edition: "Trade suggests a rogue, a scoundrel, thieving, deceitful, stubborn, haughty, intolerable, traitorous, savage, a Jew!" A more modern curse: "Jew! Jew swine! (or swine Jew!)."

"Marranos" as we know, were forcibly converted Spanish and Porguguese Jews who lived (and died) during the Inquisition. In Cassell's Spanish-English, English-Spanish Dictionary, "marrano" means "pig, hog, dirty man . . ."; the adjective "dirty (obsolete: cursed, excommunicated); the pejorative: Jewish."

The most authoritative Portuguese source does not use "pig" to define "marrano." Given the linguistic affinity of Spanish and Portuguese, one might well ask why? In Portuguese, "marrano" means "excommunicated or impure person."

The Portuguese Novo Michaelis Illustrated Dictionary offers figurative equivalents for a Jew and "to jew." A Jew is "a currency speculator, and a person fond of (shady) business."

"To jew" translates as "to cheat, to trick, to mislead, to seduce, etc." An added entry, "to jew down," is defined as "to make an advantageous transaction, to haggle over, drive a hard bargain, connive, collude, dupe." Although appearing in a Portuguese source, these three usages are cited as prevalent in the United States.

Japan is the latest entrant in anti-semitic book publication, despite the lack of a Jewish population. Kenkyusha's New English-Japanese Dictionary provides Japanese reciprocals for Jew-baiting, jewing, Jewish calendar and Jewish holidays.

Scholarly and detailed, this book is modeled on Western dictionaries, hence the inclusion of pejoratives, whereas neither of the large 1975 Chinese wordbooks I checked contains offensive terms, despite the People's Republic of China's traditionally anti-Israel policies.

Like the Chinese, Russian shrewd attention to lingusitic matters is well known and apparent: definitions only for "Jew" and "Jewish" appear in the "Oxford English-Russian, Russian-English Dictionary" and in Kenneth Katzner's similar work, both authoritative sources. What is not present, verbal abuse and calumny, can fill volumes.

Poles are not as linguisitically discreet. In the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation's English-Polish, Polish-English Dictionary (volume 1, p. 529), "jewing" is defined by a saying which portrays the Jew, large-nosed, as a bird: "If a bill is due, he pecks at your skin with his 'beak' (in time, he is pacified, dove-like)."

The British Longman's Concise English Dictionary refers to "jewing" as "to get the better of financially, especially by hard bargaining."

Ah, back home again to familiar English words! What have we learned in this international dictionary tour?

The world's nations have created a wide variety of disparaging Jewish appellations and characters. "Jew" is an active verb, not merely a noun.

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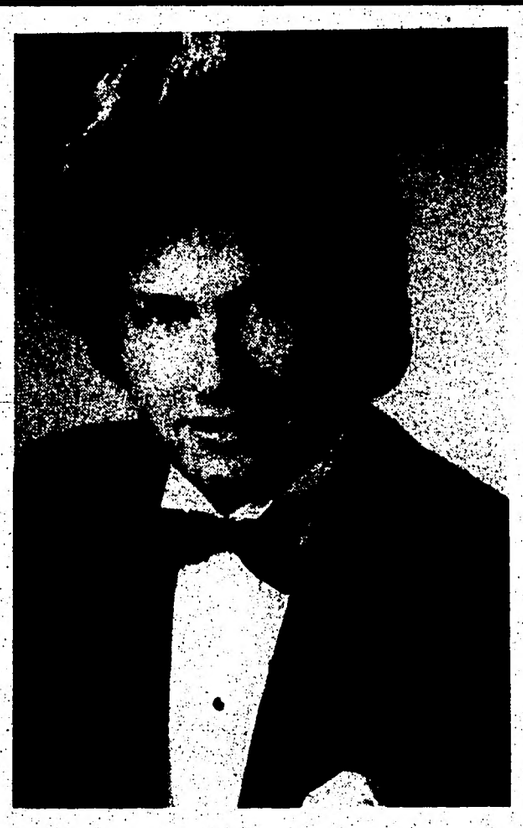
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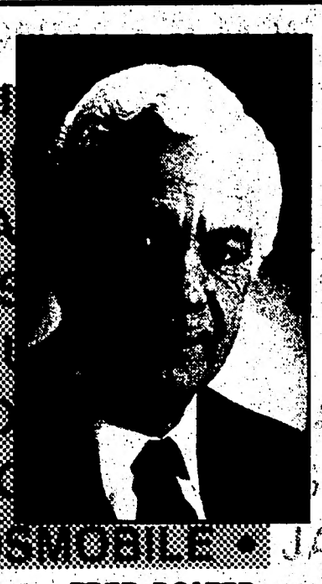
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Tiny settlement in Galilee has science, spiritual values

By
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JERUSALEM —

The most sophisticated EEG instrument in the world for monitoring brain functions, particularly during high-risk operations, comes not from Tokyo or the Silicon Valley but from a tiny settlement in the central Galilee, Shorashim.

This device, the Cerebo-Trac 2500, was developed by a team of scientists and technicians from the United States headed by Andy Perlman, who holds a PhD in biophysics from the University of California.

Perlman and his colleagues are proud of what they have achieved, though frustrated by the problems they face in marketing the Cerebo-Trac 2500. To be sure, they've sold 150 units, mostly in the States, and at $15,000 a throw that is quite an achievement. But they feel certain that sales would have been much higher had they been more effectively represented overseas.

Marketing is a problem for all Israeli science-based industry, but it is particularly acute for Shorashim, a 25-family community with the chutzpah — and the talent — to undertake no less than three science-related projects.

The second, still in the development state, is the E-1000 helmet-mounted eye-tracker. Created at Shorashim under the guidance of Danny Kligler, a PhD in physics from Stanford, this device plots a pilot's eye movements in order to facilitate more effective integration between human vision and the increasingly complex controls of modern airplanes. Such information is vital when building flight simulators (which is why a Canadian company that builds such simulators financed initial development costs).

A third science-linked enterprise at Shorashim prepares English-language versions of manuals for instruments made by local high-tech firms striving to penetrate foreign markets.

The translators, who have given their company the tongue-in-cheek name In Other Words, are currently headed by Sue Reiss of San Antonio, Tex. Sue was never very interested in science earlier on, as indicated by the fact that her BA from Brown University is in Jewish studies and comparative literature.

But she and her colleagues, most of whom also learned more about Tennyson than technology when they were in college, clearly prove Reiss' dictum that "it's easier to teach technical terms to someone with a flair for writing than it is to teach an engineer how to write."

Until all the science-based projects take off, the members of Shorashim have to eat, and so many are assembling Amcor electric flytraps, standard equipment in army camps and large public dining halls. This brings in 50% of the settlement's income.

Another source of shekels at Shorashim, albeit a modest one, is its program of seminars for overseas groups. They come for one or two days to learn about the settlement itself, the development of the Galilee and relations between Jews and Arabs in the area.

The last topic, of particular interest at this stormy juncture, is presented in cooperation with people from the nearby Arab village of Sha'ab, which seminar participants visit to become acquainted with Moslem culture and to see various aspects of day-to-day life.

Good relations

While relations with Sha'ab are quite good, Sorashim residents realize that their Galilee Arab neighbors are generally hostile towards Jewish outposts like Shorashim, several dozen of which have been set up in the area over the last decade.

The members of Shorashim, doves on territorial issues, nevertheless accept the need for outposts. This is made clear by Abraham Rodman, a former Californian married to Dita, a Sabra who grew up in Chanita, one of the first Jewish settlements on the Lebanese border. "I understand Arab resentment," Abraham declares, but "if we don't settle in this area, the Arabs may eventually demand autonomy, or even seek to join a future Palestinian State."

While the outposts have changed the map of the central Galilee, they haven't altered its demography. Their total population of 3,000 Jews is more than counterbalanced by the number of babies born each year in the surrounding Arab communities.

The people at Shorashim differ not only from the Arabs among whom they live, but also from the Jews, in the latter case by virtue of the fact that they are affiliated with the Masorati (Conservative) Movement. Thus, unlike their Jewish secularist neighbors, they have a synagogue, one where services are held every Friday night and on alternative Saturday mornings. And unlike the synagogues of their Jewish Orthodox neighbors, it is one where men and women sit together and both are called to the Torah.

Compromise and tolerance are the hallmarks of religious observance. Some men always wear skullcaps, while others only don them when they enter the synagogue. And while the Sabbath is observed by the community, individual families can drive a settlement car on the day of rest (they must leave it in the parking lot outside the residential area). Communal functions are kosher, while individual homes may or may not be.

Not satisfied with simply having their own religious life, the men and women at Shorashim are also trying to influence their neighbors, in the first instance by lobbying for more Jewish content in the curriculum at the Misgav Regional School, which their kids attend.

The settlement is organized as a moshav shitufi, a hybrid community combining the collective production of the kibbutz with the individualistic family life of the moshav.

The housework isn't too onerous in the 79-square-metre homes allocated to families with two children, or the slightly larger ones provided for larger families. Incidentally, again in keeping with the general approach, people can use their private funds to increase the size of their homes by up to 25%.

Living expenses are covered by a monthly, per-family allowance of $650 (when there are two children), with a further $180 for each additional child. The sum used to be higher, but economic difficulties have forced a cutback. There is also less money for cultural activities, though most members still manage to get to the nearby town of Carmiel for plays and concerts from time to time.

"The one area where we refuse to skimp," says Shorashim secretary Zvi Ragol, "is education." This is clear to anyone who visits the lavishly equipped kindergartens or watches the little girls in black tights running off to their ballet lessons, or the little boys, instruments in hand, getting ready for their music lessons.

This emphasis on education is a key factor in the quality of life at Shorashim, which — together with its strong sense of community — helps explain why so few people have left and why there is a small but steady stream of newcomers.

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Number of U.S. states sign agreements with Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Last spring, on 12 acres of land along the Rio Grande, farmers harvested select Israeli strains of cucumbers, melons and tomatoes not previously planted in the United States.

This spring, Texas plans to use Israeli technology to grow 20 different U.S. and Israeli crops, including herbs and cut flowers. The state will invite farmers down to the experimental agriculture site, at Laredo, for training seminars.

The crops are being grown with the use of Israeli drip-irrigation technology, which can be used in regions of Texas where water is scarce. Texas and Israel are continents apart, but they share the same geographical latitude, and hence, similar climate and soils.

Texas and 12 other states are participating in the latest wave of U.S.-Israeli accords.

All but two of the states' accords have been signed since 1987. The Texas agreement was concluded in 1984, and Virginia followed in 1986.

In Texas, the Jewish National Fund of America contributed $50,000 in "seed money" to bring three agricultural experts from Israel for the initial planning study for the project, said Dolores Wilkenfeld, a member of the JNF board in Houston.

The project transcends political and military ties between the two countries, Wilkenfeld said. "We are talking about the basic feeding of people."

Besides Texas, two other states are mainly interested in agricultural cooperation.

Minnesota plans to set up a joint project to demonstrate irrigation techniques, said Judith Yellin, executive director of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Minnesota.

California will use Israeli technology to grow crops in saline soils and on generally nonproductive land. The state will also grow specialty crops in drought conditions, said Ernest Glaser, chairman of the California-Israel Exchange. He applied a few months ago for tax-exempt status to begin raising funds.

However, Israel's drip-irrigation technology will not be used, Glaser said, because Israel has licensed California companies to use that technology, which is not the case in Texas. "We don't want to compete" with local companies, Glaser said.

Aside from the agricultural projects in Texas, Minnesota and California, the main emphasis of the states so far has been on forming joint ventures, to combine Israeli technology with U.S. marketing know-how and contacts worldwide.

U.S. firms can also take advantage of Israeli marketing networks in Western Europe. Using Israel's duty-free trade arrangements with Western Europe, U.S. firms can avoid tariffs there, as long as 35% of their products' value comes from Israeli components.

In Maryland, which signed an agreement with Israel in May, one venture has a Baltimore company sending dredge equipment to excavate salt deposits from the Dead Sea. Phosphates from the mines are then shipped back to Maryland, said Esther Gelman, consultant to the state government's Office of International Trade.

New Jersey may hold a seminar on ventures with Israel, as it is planning to do on ventures between U.S. and Canadian firms, said Leonard Goldner, New Jersey's chief foreign investment officer.

Similar plans for primarily economic cooperation are envisioned by four Midwest states.

Illinois hopes to ease the transfer of technology rights between U.S. firms and Israeli scientific institutions, including the Technion and the Weizmann Institute.

Michigan is trying to match 20 companies in the state with Israeli counterparts for joint ventures.

Missouri is gathering information about local firms for a trade show in Tel Aviv in February.

Wisconsin is trying to bring together U.S. and Israeli universities and businesses in the field of biotechnology, super computers and medical devices.

Florida plans to emphasize trade initially, but is currently consulting with organizers of educational exchanges begun between two state colleges and Israel, independently of the accord, said Thomas Slattery, chief of Florida's bureau of international trade and development.

One of the few consumer-oriented projects to date occurred in Massachusetts, where a multimillion dollar fair of Israeli goods was sponsored by Jordan Marsh, a large department store chain in Boston.

Although the project was planned before Massachusetts signed its accord in May 1987, it was organized with the help of the state's representative in Israel. Massachusetts is the only state so far to have its own staff there.

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Institute uses high-tech to compile data on Talmud

By RABBI NORBERT WEINBERG

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The Talmud was a controversial document from its outset, in ancient Israel and later in Babylonia, where it received its final form around the fifth century CE. It records the various factions within the Jewish people who accepted or rejected its premises, as well as the strong disputations between the various schools of rabbis who created it.

While in the past yeshiva students gathered in groups and argued among themselves as to the intent of the words, in recent years new academics have arisen, which take a very different tack. One such institution based in Jerusalem is the Saul Lieberman Institute of Talmudic Research, a department of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The first step of research is to obtain the various manuscripts that exist in the great research libraries around the world, such as that of the British Museum or the Vatican.

Sometimes, the texts can be found in the most surprising of places. Several years ago, for example, I was approached by a congregant who had in turn been approached by an acquaintance, who was a librarian in the highly regarded Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.

He had been examining a rare book in their collection, a Latin work dated to the 15th century and had discovered letters in Hebrew along the inner binding. Upon studying them I was able to determine that they were from the page of the Babylonian Talmud which dealt with Jacob's dream of the angels ascending and descending the ladder.

I assumed that some scribe, sitting in a monastical or ducal library, in need of scrap paper to bind the book he was copying, pasted just those words of the Talmud into his binding, rather than consign them to the waste bin.

The original fragment still sits in California, but a copy has now been added to the numerous manuscripts of part of all of the Talmud in the archives of the Lieberman Institute.

Under the guidance of Prof. Shama Friedman, director of the Institute, trained scholars examine the extant manuscripts, decipher the texts, often crumpled and torn with age and wear. Their readings are then fed into a computer where they are stored.

"Our eventual aim is to acquire all primary texts of the Babylonian Talmud, including manuscripts, complete and fragmentary, and first printed editions," says Friedman.

Under the guidance of Chaim Milikowsky, the Institute is compiling data on all literature relating to both the Babylonian and Jerusalem editions of the Talmud, as well as on Midrashic (Biblical commentary) literature. This will make available material for research which the great rabbis of antiquity could only have dreamed about.

Anyone who has tackled a page of Talmud is familiar with its give and take style, in which figures that lived centuries apart are engaged in lively debate. This debating tone gives talmudic study its unique sense of immediacy and vitality, yet it easily misleads the reader not conscious of the specific historic factors that shaped each discussant's stance.

There is the main task before the Institute's staff — to produce texts of selected chapters of the Talmud which allow the scholar to immediately see how the text was constructed, what the original intentions were, and how the ideas of which Judaism, as we know it, is comprised, arose.

The final texts will use variation in type size and style to make it easier for the scholar to follow. This, together with electronic reference material places the Talmud scholar of today light years ahead of even the greatest of rabbis of old, who, at the most, had to satisfy themselves with a few hand-written documents in their libraries.

The study of Talmud, as part of the great heritage which shaped the Jewish people, is part of the standard curriculum of secular Israeli high schools. Under the direction of Shmuel Glick, the Institute has developed a unique program, sponsored by the ministry of education, for the training of qualified teachers and for the creation of quality educational material for the teaching of Talmud.

"My long-range goal," says Glick, "is to work with Jewish educators from around the world in making the study of Talmud clear and accessible to all Jesish students of all backgrounds and ideologies; with that knowledge, they will then be able to actively give shape to the continuing dialogue themselves."

Through modern talmudic academies such as the Saul Lieberman Institute of Talmudic Research, the original goal of the sages who began the Talmudic process will be fulfilled. As the men of the Great Assembly taught: "Establish a multitude of students." (Mishna Avoth, 1:1.)

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Jews played key role in Red Army during WWII

By
ERNIE MEYER

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — When the tide of World War II began to turn against the Germans with the surrender at Stalingrad on Feb. 2, 1943, it was a Jewish Red Army officer — Lt. Col. Leonid Vinokur — who accepted the pistol of Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus.

In fact, Jews held more high-ranking commands in the Soviet army than in any of the other Allied armies. This came to light recently in a lecture by Yad Vashem director Yitzhak Arad on "Jewish Participation in the War on the Eastern Front."

The number of Jews who served in the Soviet forces can only be estimated, said Arad. The size of the Red Army, a breakdown of the national affiliations of its soldiers, and the number of its casualties have never been published officially.

It is estimated, however, that about 25 million soldiers served in the Red Army during the war. This is based on a generally accepted figure of 11.4 million in the army at the end of the war in May 1945, about 7 million killed in action and 5.7 million taken prisoner.

With Jews accounting for about 1.78% of the Russian population, it is estimated that between 430,000 and 450,000 of them served in the army. This includes the approximately 60,000 from the Baltic countries who fled to Russia during 1939-40. More than 205,000 Jews who fought in Russia's "Great Patriotic War" lost their lives — almost half the total enrolled in the army. This includes about 120,000 killed in action and 85,000 who died in captivity.

"The percentage of Jewish soldiers killed was the highest among the Soviet peoples," said Arad. "The reason for this was that all Jews taken prisoner were immediately shot."

He pointed out that as soldiers, Jews were motivated, in addition to their loyalty to the country, by the knowledge of Hitler's policy of annihilation of the Jewish people and by the certainty of their fate if taken prisoner. He went on to give examples from a long list of Jewish soldiers and commanders who distinguished themselves.

During the defence of Brest-Litovsk in the first days of the war, the Jewish commissar of the fortress, Haim Fomin, was killed after holding out in a key position. Further to the north, in the Grodno region, Michael Chazkelevich, the commander of the Sixth Corps, fell while trying to halt the enemy's advance. Along the Beresina River, the Moscow First Mechanized Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. (later General) Jacob Kreiser, delayed the German advance on Moscow.

Kreiser was wounded, and after his recovery was appointed commander of the Third Army, which halted the Germans near Briansk, southwest of Moscow. The Jewish cavalry major-general Dovator was among those who fell in the defence of Moscow.

The armoured corps commaded by Lt. Gen. Shimon Kirvoshein distinguished itself in the desperate battles near Smolensk. Fighting in the same area was the tank battalion commanded by Capt. David Dragonski, who later reached the rank of brigadier-general and was twice awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union medal.

In the north, Arseni Raskin, commissar and deputy-commander of the Russian position on the Gulf of Finland guarding the approach to Leningrad, excelled in the defence of his base. After Leningrad was besieged, its only supply route was across Lake Ladoga. Jewish Rear Admiral Paul Trainin kept this route open.

For the defence of the big cities, such as Moscow, Odessa and Sebastopol, Civil Guard units were created. The percentage of Jews in these units was especially high, according to Arad.

Many Jews distinguished themselves in the battle of Stalingrad, among them Lt. Col. Matway Weinrub and Gen. Jacob Kreiser. In the crossing of the Dnieper later in 1943, Jewish soldiers earned 27 of the 900 Hero of the Soviet Union medals awarded. According to their proportion in the population, their share should have been 16.

One third of the Latvian and Lithuanian national divisions within the Red Army were Jews, said Arad, and thousands of them were killed.

Many Jewish pilots served in the Soviet air force. Capt. Michael Plotkin was in the first raid on Berlin, on the night of Aug. 7-8, 1941. Pilot Mark Galai distinguished himself in the battles over Moscow. Twenty Jewish fighter and bomber pilots received the "hero's" medal.

Altogether, about 150 Jews earned the "hero" award and 54 of these were killed. Jews ranked fifth in this distinguished company, although numerically they were only seventh among the nationalities in the Soviet Union.

More than 160,000 Jewish soldiers earned decorations, placing them fourth among Soviet nations.

Many Jews commanded ships in the Soviet navy. Avraham Sverdlov was in charge of a fleet of torpedo boats in the Baltic Sea. Submarine commanders N. Smoler, Roman Londberg, S. Kabo, Wolf Konovalov, Samuel Bogard, Israel Pisanovitz and others sank dozens of German ships in the Baltic, Black and North seas.

Many Jews held senior commands in the artillery, engineering and medical corps.

The Red Army had 200 Jewish generals, 186 of whom received their rank during the war. 120 of them were in the combat forces, the rest in the medical and maintenance services.

Arad was asked about anti-semitism in the Red Army.

"If you mean deliberate policy, no; but if you are referring to popular anti-semitism, there was plenty," he replied. "That prejudice was deep-rooted. It had not been eradicated by Communist indoctrination and was reinforced by Nazi propaganda. A common jibe was: 'We are at the front, while the Jews are conquering Tashkent.' "

Stalin himself had characterized the Jews as "inferior fighters," said Arad, and because of the prevalent anti-semitism, some had played down their Jewishness and changed their names once they were in the army. They also feared that if taken prisoner, their Jewish name would be a death warrant.

"This," Arad said, "helped create the canard of fewer Jews serving in the army."

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Salvador Dali created "aliya" series

By SHERWOOD WEINGARTEN
Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO —
For most people, Salvador Dali doesn't evoke a Jewish connection.

There is one, however — a suite of lithographs called "Aliya."

The artist, whose reputation climbed higher than his vertical moustache and sagged more than his "melting watches," died earlier this year at 84. But his treks into imagination — the original originals, the $900 million in fake works over genuine signatures, the put-ons and put-downs of critics who take art too seriously long will survive.

"Aliya" may appear to be but a speck in the Spaniard's total output, just one more commercial venture. Nevertheless, that portfolio (25 colored lithographs of original gouaches) has special meaning for Jews the world over: It commemorates the struggles and successes of Israel both the people and the country.

Printed in 1968 to mark the state's 20th anniversary, the suite was acccompanied by a letter from David Ben-Gurion. In it, Israel's first Prime Minister wrote that Dali had managed to capture "the marvel of aliya."

Ben-Gurion also took the opportunity to underscore that "it was . . . through the power of Jewish faith, Jewish will, and Jewish might in the War of Liberation that the state came into being."

The portfolio — only 200 copies of which were published — included individually signed and numbered lithos depicting, among other scenes, the ship Exodus carrying illegal immigrants, weeping at the Western Wall, Jews fighting their way through barbed wire, Ben-Gurion reading Israel's Declaration of Independence, the music of Hatikvah, the light from a menorah, and celebrating the covenant of circumcision.

In the United States, the suite first was exhibited at the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla., in June 1984. A flyer at that institution, among the few in the world dedicated exclusively to one artist, noted that "few themes can evoke images as dramatic, as inspiring" as the history of the Jewish people.

The tale of the Diaspora and aliya, it indicated, created a panorama that blended "prophecies in the Bible; the traditions of the Jews that have carried them through centuries of oppression; the nightmare of World War II and . . . the final triumph of independence; and the incredible devotion that turned an arid desert into a thriving nation."

The museum itself contains the "world's largest and most comprehensive collection of works" by Dali, acquired over a 45-year period by American associates of the painter, A. Reynolds Morse and his wife Eleanor. Included are 93 oils, 100-plus watercolors and drawings, and more than 1,300 graphics — as well as sculptures, objets d'art, historic photos of Dali, and a 2,500-volume research library.

The collection covers works from 1914 to 1980, and was valued at $100 million before the artist's death.

New exhibits at the museum, which annually holds a Surrealist masquerade ball as its major fund raiser, are photos by Marc Lacroix, The Many Faces of Dali, and a suite of 25 lithos originally published in Paris, "Horses."

Those displays have inaugurated a $1.1 million, 11,000-square-foot addition that have increased the size of the 7-year-old museum by 50%.

Scheduled for May 6, according to the facility's curator, Joan Kropf, is an annual festival that, once again, will celebrate Dali's birthday.

Dali, born in 1904 in Figueras, Spain, undoubtedly will best be recognized for his 1929-1939 Surrealist creations — and his fascination with the unconscious.

He also, however, will be remembered for an incredibly prolific output — and the myriad controversies surrounding the legitimacy of his works.

Agrotechnical courses enjoy wide support

SHEFAYIM —
About 650 students from countries all over the world attend advanced agrotechnical courses in Israel every year, says Innovation, a report on Israeli industry and science.

Such programs are offered at two centres, in this kibbutz not far from Tel Aviv, and at the Ruppin Agricultural College, near Netanya.

While diplomatic and political relations with certain Third World governments have had their ups and downs, Israel has continued to offer training facilities, to support the development of modern agricultural production in any country that is interested.

This year, participants come from African states, such as Guinea, Senegal, Ghana and Ethiopia, from the Philippines and Thailand in the Far East, and from the Carribbean area and elsewhere in Latin America.

However, such programs are also attended by students from areas commonly deemed "developed." Recent courses numbered Japanese fishermen, Hungarian irrigation specialists and a number of Romanians among their participants.

The programs, designed to meet practical needs in different areas, enjoy financial support from several friendly governments.

Israel pays about 30% of the cost, while 25% comes from the U.S. foreign aid program, 10% from West Germany and 35% from the Netherlands.

Perhaps most important among the benefits derived by Israel from this program are the friendly relations it creates with people all over the world — many of them from countries which loudly criticize Israel policies and refuse to establish normal diplomatic relations with Jerusalem.

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Numbers grow in summer

Agencies help young Jewish runaways in New York

By
BEN GALLOB

NEW YORK (JTA) — New York City's victims of homelessness include an estimated 20,000 teen-agers, an unknown but probably small proportion of whom are Jews.

They all suffer the miseries of street life — many sell their bodies as their only source of income and a growing number have become infected with the AIDS virus.

The help programs offered them, mostly under government auspices, include a joint effort by two private outreach agencies, one non-sectarian, one Jewish.

Covenant House in Manhattan, described as the only major U.S. shelter program for teen-agers in need, and the Jewish Family Institute in Brooklyn together offer resources which spokespersons for both agencies agree are far beow the need. That collaborative effort began four years ago.

Both agencies plan major expansions of shelter, food, counseling and medical aid.

A Covenant House spokesperson said that the 20,000 total is fairly stable, although that figure is no more precise than any other aspect of the street teen-agers' experience.

It is a total that swells somewhat in the summer, when the weather is inviting, and which shrinks when New York's winters make street shelters close to uninhabitable.

Covenant House and Rabbi Sinai Julian of the Jewish Family Institute, say the average age of the teen-agers, Jews and non-Jews, is 16.

The Covenant House spokesperson said the situation of damaged families from which the teen-agers flee applies to Jewish youngsters too.

The runaways seek to escape unbearable family conditions — drugs, rape, incest, murder. The spokesperson said this generalization did not exclude Jewish runaways but that she could not be more precise than that, which is typical of how little hard data is available.

The account of Covenant House helping Jewish street teens appeared in a detailed report on the Jewish Family Institute in the Jewish Week of New York, by Susan Gilman.

Rabbi Yehuda Fine, Jewish Family Institute founder, has been doing outreach work with Jews, assisted by his wife, Elieshevah, out of the Fine home in Brooklyn.

Fine, who has a Master's degree as a family therapist, is accustomed to working in the street and building rapport with its youth, Gilman reported.

Every night of the year, two Covenant House vans comb New York City neighborhoods notorious for prostitution and a street life, trying to reach as many of the runaways as their facilities permit.

Get youth off the street

The Covenant House outreach workers offer the teen-agers food, a sympathetic listener and a way out of their steadily worsening situations.

The two Orthodox rabbis join Covenant House van trips several times a month, Gilman reported.

Julian said that Covenant House knew there were Jewish teen-agers on the street but the program could not reach them because they think, wrongly, that it is a Catholic program.

But Julian also said it was not "our job" to try to turn the Jewish runaways into Orthodox Jews.

Fine said "our goal is just to get them off the street. You've got to get them out of there."

On the van, the two rabbis join others in passing out sandwiches and hot drinks. The Jewish teen-agers note the skullcaps worn by the bearded rabbis and promptly greet them as rabbis, an initial contact which the rabbis seek to expand to help the Jewish runaways.

The teen-agers, on seeing the rabbis, will call out, "Hey, we are Jewish, too."

By participating in the Covenant House outreach programs, the Jewish Family Institute provides it with a "visible Jewish adjunct," Gilman reported.

Covenant House also serves as a screening device for the Jewish Family Institute, checking Jewish teenagers for serious medical and psychological problems before sending them to the institute.

Fine told Gilman that such teen-agers do not come directly to the institute. "The route is Covenant House, the Jewish Family Institute, then home," if the Fines can help the teen-ager to that degree.

For really troubled teen-agers, the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, a Jewish Federation agency, takes over, Fine told the Jewish Week.

Once a Jewish teen-ager accepts Jewish Family Institute help, a long and arduous healing process begins, aimed at helping the teenager overcome the trauma which sent him or her fleeing.

Fine told Gilman, "somewhere along the line they have to learn to trust and that someone cares about them." He said almost every treatment program can take up to 18 months and more.

Despite the difficulties, the Jewish Family Institute has "a high rate of success and has helped a majority of the 40 youths taken in during the past four years," Fine told Gilman.

He attributed the results to the fact that the runaways have responded to being in an authentically Jewish home. He said the youngsters can and do talk to the Fines and their children — two boys and a girl, aged 7 to 10.

"If you've been abused — God forbid, if you've been raped — if you don't have a mom or dad to call," and then, next thing, "you're sitting at a Shabbes table with a family — it gives you a sense of value and a little dignity," Fine commented.

The Fines also help parents. Fine said "having a rabbi make a telephone call" to a parent about a runaway child "is much better than having a social worker" do it.

The Jewish family Institute is working to increase parental awareness of runway children. Julian said there are "a lot" of Jewish families who have a runaway child "and they're embarrassed. They think that they're the only ones who ever had a runaway because they think, 'that's not a Jewish problem. Jewish kiids don't run away.' "

The Fine home does not have beds for youngsters, Julian told JTA. In an emergency, a place will be made on a floor of the Fine home for a runaway, but the vast majority of the Jewish teen-agers helped have been beneficiaries of facilities provided by volunteer families on a Jewish Family Institute list.

Covenant House hopes to open soon a special floor at a Manhattan clinic for adolescents infected with AIDS. The floor will have 26 beds and is under construction.

Julian, discussing Family Institute expansion plans, told JTA he knew there were "several dozen" Jewish teen-agers "we should be getting off the streets right now."

Julian, who describes himself as a Jewish Family Institute fund raiser, said "we need to build a refuge. Sometime this year, we will have established a refuge, at least for girls. We feel girls are at a greater risk."

Sabbath is a typically pleasant family event at the Fine home, the occasion when hospitality is provided to a few of the runaways at the Fine home and to 30 to 40 teen-agers at homes of similarly observant volunteers.

The staff which directs this program of succor consists of the two rabbis, an administrative assistant, an office worker and a social worker.

A grant from the Fund for Jewish Education, a unit of the New York Board of Jewish Education, provides salaries for the social worker, the office worker and the administrative assistant.

Otherwise, the Jewish Family Institute program has been funded by private donations and grants.

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Laiman puts Jews into soap operas

NEW YORK —

Leah Laiman, head writer of Days of Our Lives, has managed to find a niche somewhere between her Orthodox Jewish upbringing in Hamilton, Ont. and the steamy world of the modern television soap opera.

"I am a product of my age," said the 42-year-old Laiman, a resident of Manhattan's Upper West Side, who is a graduate of Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women.

Growing up with her observant family gave Laiman a commitment to Judaism. Her parents, Charles and Sarah, still live in Toronto. However, Laiman also credits Gloria Steinem and the women's movement for making her aware of her career potential.

"I didn't picture my self doing anything when I was at Stern," said Laiman. "Now, look at me. I have everything."

Wedding seen by millions

Everything includes a marriage to film producer/director Ralph Toporoff; raising two stepchildren, Ian, 23, and Melinda, 19; the birth of her first child, Danielle, 14 months ago; and a job which she commutes to in Los Angeles, where the NBC show is taped. Laiman works at home on a computer, sending her daily scripts to her 7-person writing staff in Hollywood.

It also includes the opportunity for her to incorporate her strong ties to Judaism into a television soap opera.

During a 3-year stint in L.A. as associate head writer for ABC's General Hospital, Laiman introduced the first two Jewish regulars on a soap opera. When she moved to Days of Our Lives three years ago, she initiated another soap opera first — a traditional Jewish wedding watched by millions of viewers in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Italy.

The storyline revolved around an Orthodox Jewish doctor and her non-Jewish boyfriend, also a doctor.

"I told the producers there are certain things that I believe in strongly and won't go against," noted Laiman. "I would never let her marry him unless he converted. Ultimately, one doctor left the show so we just made it that they couldn't resolve their religious differences and had to break up."

Leah Laiman

The storyline ended when the departing Jewish doctor married a Jewish pharmacist.

Writing a soap opera has also given Laiman the opportunity to spotlight such other social causes as the plight of abused or handicapped children.

She considers herself inclined toward Orthodox Judaism but feels comfortable writing the steamy scripts that are the bread and butter of TV soaps.

"Sure, soap operas are full of sex and violence," she said. "But, they are not like movies, they aren't rated 'R.' There is a limit to what you can do. And in a way, soaps are very moralistic. Yes, people do naughty things but the bad people always get punished. The good guys always win and get lots of fan mail."

So how did Laiman find herself in this business? When she was growing up in Hamilton, she developed an interest in reading, which sparked an interest in writing and literature.

Arriving at Stern College's mid-Manhattan campus at 17, Laiman, an English literature major, found a special professor.

"Morris Epstein was the most wonderful teacher," she recalled. "He inspired me to go to theatre and ballet. It is because of him I got interested in the outside world and in entertainment."

Afer earning a Master's degree in theatre from Hunter College in New York, Laiman went to Woodstock, NY, "when Woodstock was Woodstock" and then to Israel.

Returning to New York, she began to write, landed an entry production assistant job at the National Education Network and later worked at a video company. A friend in California offered her a chance to write a script for a television show, which never aired but got Laiman into the Writers Guild.

Her lucky break came when someone introduced her to the head of daytime programming for ABC.

"This woman took a liking to me and asked if I had ever watched soap operas," she recalled. "I told her no so she sent me home to watch soaps. Eventually, a spot opened at General Hospital."

When Days of Our Lives asked her to become head writer, Laiman agreed with one condition — that she be allowed to live in New York.

"Now I think I've come full cycle," said Laiman as she reflected on her life. "I think late starts are the best starts. When I turned 30, I had no idea where I was going. Now I have the most wonderful life — a great husband and children, a wonderful career and I'm back in New York. Everything's perfect."

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Pre-Holocaust Yiddish film on video vivid, entertaining

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Itshok Grudberg (left), Lucy Gehrman, Irving Bruner and Gertrude Bullman celebrate Passover under obvious pall of absent father, in A Brivele Der Mamen. [Joseph Green photo]

Ergo Media's latest pre-Holocaust Yiddish film to be released on videocassette is a vivid and moving depiction of a world that is gone but far from forgotten. It is also good entertainment.

The 100-min. black-and-white *A Brivele Der Mamen* (A Letter to Mamma), produced and directed by the legendary Joseph Green in Warsaw, 1938, examines emigrant struggles from the point of view of the family members left behind in the old country.

Middle-aged Dovid (played by Misha Gehrman), the nominal head of a shtetl family near Odessa, is stung into making his way to America in 1912 when his student son (Itshok Grudberg) berates him for not contributing to the family's livelihood. Parnassah and running the household have both been pressing strictly on the shoulders of the loving mother (Lucy Gehrman).

Meanwhile, their daughter (Gertrude Bullman), engaged to an engineering student, has become infatuated with the dancemaster.

Despite his good intentions, Dovid's sudden and unannounced departure removes the family's emotional pillar, and adds immeasurably to the mother's burdens. Dovid's obvious sensitivity and self-deprecation undercut any urge on the part of the viewer to kick him in the pants.

The performers' Yiddish is clear and expressive, a joy to hear. Even viewers relying strictly on the concise English subtitles will pick up much from their intonation and rhythm.

The language, scenery, and music recreate the times.

This reviewer, half-expecting some kind of grainy print, was surprised by the clarity of the Ergo release. Hopefully representing Ergo's entire line of re-releases and new Jewish video films, it was clearer than anything seen on commercial black-and-white TV and clearer than many recent color productions.

Ergo has also re-released three other Joseph Green films: Yidle Mitn Fidl, 1936, with Molly Picon; Mamele, 1938, with Picon; and Der Purimshpiler, 1937, with Miriam Kressyn.

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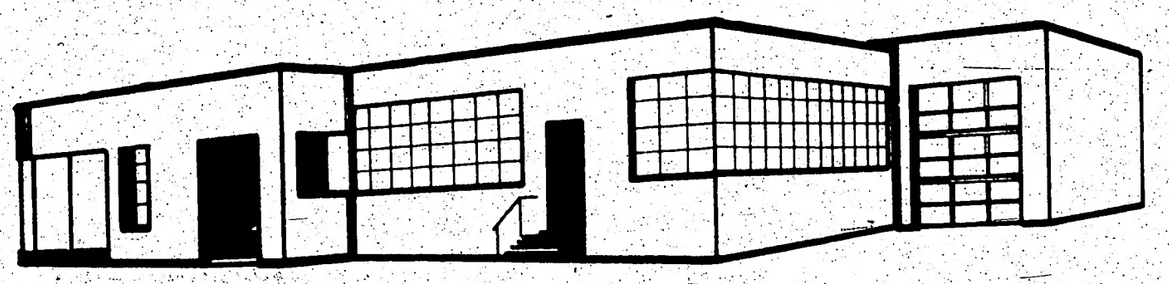
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Kotel incident reporting called unfair to rabbi

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN is spiritual leader of Congregation Kehillah Jeshuran in New York and head of the Ramaz School in that city. He says that careless media reporting has done a grave injustice to Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, the rabbi in charge of the Western Wall.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — On Thursday, Dec. 1, the concluding day of a conference on the empowerment of the Jewish women that was held in Jerusalem, the participating women held a prayer service at the Kotel.

The service included the reading of the Torah. When a number of very religious men and women began shouting protests against what they considered to be an improper form of worship at the Kotel, Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, who is in charge of the site, came over to try to help.

He was quoted by the Israel Broadcasting Authority in its 9 a.m. broadcast that day, as disparaging the women and offending them with a judgment that women engaged in such an activity are like "pigs at the Wailing Wall."

This offensive report was immediately carried by Reuter and other reporters around the world. The Independent in London, on Friday, Dec. 2, displayed a picture of the service and reported Reuter's quote of Getz as saying: "A woman carrying a Torah is like a pig at the Wailing Wall."

The same quote appeared under a picture in the New York Times on the same day, and also in an article in the Los Angeles Times, headlined: "Orthodox Rabbis Shoo Women From the Western Wall."

What actually happened at the Kotel? According to Rabbi David Clayman, exective director of the American Jewish Congress in Jerusalem, Getz saw the commotion at the Kotel and came over in order to restore peace.

When he heard one of the protesting women screaming at the worshippers at the prayer service, he said: "Such a service is not customary here; but it is not prohibited either. This Wall belongs to everyone: to me and to women, to religious and to irreligious, to Jews and to non-Jews, as it is written 'My house shall be a house of prayer to all peoples.' "

Such a peaceful remark was to be expected from the mouth of this saintly sage. Getz is the model of "ahavat Yisrael" — the love of all Jews.

In his Kabalistic yeshiva in the Old City, Beit El, he accepts students only if they agree to follow the following principles, among others:

"You must be married and treat your wife as if she were a queen. You must be patient with her, overlook her shortcomings and separate the important from the unimportant in your relationship. This ensures peace, without which holiness cannot prevail in a Jewish home.

"You must seek unity among Jews and act with love and compassion toward all people, Jew or non-Jew."

This is the man who has been vilified by the press because of careless reporting.

Many of the initial reports were corrected by the newspapers but of course few who saw the original, blatant slander ever learned of the correction.

Letters have been pouring into the rabbis's office, adjacent to the Kotel, from all over the world berating him as "a fanatical bigot who makes me feel humiliated as a Jew," or as a "narrow-minded, anti-feminist, intolerant Orthodox rabbi."

One of the intemperate messages received by the rabbi was attached to the London clipping and read: "It is you who are the pig (if you did say this)."

The irony of this is that not only has a saintly personality been defamed and a revered reputation ravaged because of careless reporting and zealous publishing — which happens to fit the present mood and climate of Orthodox-bashing — but also a terrible injustice has been done.

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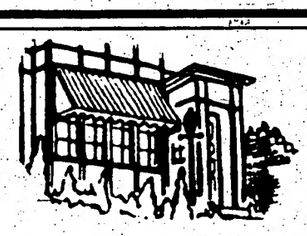

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Provides residents with hope

Beit Hatikva lives up to its name

By
MIRANDA ROSE SMITH

A member of the Beit Hatikva staff teaches a resident how to catch a ball as part of his occupational therapy.

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The tall, thin teenager hurries up to the woman he recognizes as his music teacher. "Beit Hatikva, house of hope," he sings. "We have hope . . . here we have hope." And indeed he does.

Beit Hatikva (Hebrew for house of hope), nestled in a hillside on the Neve Michael moshav outside Beit Shemesh is truly a "house of hope," not only for its 40 residents who are behaviorally disordered and retarded, but for their parents, for the mixed Jewish-Arab staff, and for the director, Dr. Larry Genstil, who holds a PhD in educational psychology from the University of Southern California.

Yitzchak Kandel, director of SRI (Services for the Retarded in Israel) expressed interest in the idea that Genstil should come to Israel to set up a centre for behaviorally disordered people. This he did, and after much searching found a site on the Neve Michael moshav.

The centre was opened in November of 1987 and was initially funded by the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Insurance Institute, and the Hatikva chapter of Bnei Zion in Los Angeles. Its residents are mainly Jewish, although there is one Druze and one Arab. All suffer from mental retardation and behavioral disorders. Child abuse and neurological conditions are the main causes.

On the executive staff are four Jews, a Christian Arab and a Moslem Arab and integration and cooperation, happily, pose no problem.

Genstil's policy is to hire people from disadvantaged backgrounds. "Working with people in a less fortunate situation," he explains, "helps one to appreciate oneself."

Thus, workers include rehabilitated prisoners, an ex-drug addict and a recovering alcoholic. These men and women realize that Beit Hatikva may be their last hope and they serve it loyally.

The residents are housed in two long, low, red-roofed buildings, each of which contains two three-bedroomed apartments. Each apartment houses ten residents. Meals are taken together in the dining hall and two other buildings house the classrooms, dispensary and offices.

Occupational therapy is given regularly to the children. The less functional amongst them receive training in activities such as walking through hula hoops and over mattresses and learning how to throw and catch balls. The more advanced children learn painting, collage, and making paper cut-outs. Their residence is brightly decorated with their creations.

Sara Sivek, the music therapist, described how she uses music and movement to relax the children and assist memory training.

While I was talking to Sara, a little boy came up and started smelling a ring I was wearing. "He smells everything," Sara explained, "he's autistic." Another little boy climbed onto her lap. The individual attention given to the children by both staff and residents of the moshav is one of the most impressive things about Beit Hatikva.

Among the most functional of residents is a handsome, slightly built boy of 16, named Benny. He proudly informed me that he spoke "English, Hebrew, French, Arabic — all the languages." He leads a davening group and works as a class aide, helping to feed and dress the younger children. He is popular with the families on the moshav, often spending Shabbat with them.

The residents spend two to three years at the centre, after which they return to small group homes or to their families. During this time, some parents attend classes at Beit Hatikva in order to learn how to understand and help their children better. This helps many of them deal with the guilt and anger that often comes from having a retarded child.

Genstil plans to acquire pets for the residents to care for. He also hopes to have some of them growing vegetables, both as a financial enterprise and for the therapeutic affects of caring for growing things.

"Sheltered workshops teach you how to do factory work," he says, "but I want residents to learn to do all kinds of jobs, including domestic chores in the kitchen, garden and laundry." Six residents are already working at the centre in various places.

Plans to develop Beit Hatika include playgrounds, a place for the animals and a lawn for recreation. Genstil also hopes to rent some apartments on the moshav for volunteers and Shabbat visitors.

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Sunken ship yielding some intriguing cargo

By
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KIBBUTZ MA'AGAN MICHAEL (JPFS) — What may be the oldest known early intact seagoing ship has been unloading an intriguing cargo on the floor of the Mediterranean off Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

The vessel has been tentatively dated to the 5th century BCE, 100 years earlier than the well-preserved Kyrenia Boat raised off Cyprus in the 1960s. Older ships have been found, but not at sea. And although wrecks dating nearly 1,000 years earlier have been found at sea, only cargo and small fragments of those boats remained, says Elisha Linder, director of the Centre for Maritime Studies at the University of Haifa.

"This is the first time we have almost the whole length of the lower structure of a ship this old, including the stern and prow," he said.

Instead of producing a cargo of large pottery amphorae carrying oil or wine, as are often found in ancient wrecks, the holds of the Ma'agan Michael ship are revealing beautiful, small finds like artistically wrought bowls and pitchers.

According to Linder and Jay Rosloff, an American expert on ancient ships who has been participating in the excavation, the vessel may be either Phoenician or from Carthage (site of present-day Tunis) in the Western Mediterranean. Either way, it will shed light on one of the most interesting eras of the ancient world.

"The 5th century BC is perhaps the most important century in antiquity," wrote maritime archaeologist Peter Throckmorton in History from the Sea, a book published last year, "contributing more than any other to the foundation of Western civilization. Yet until now no wreck from the period has been found."

The Ma'agan Michael wreck had, in fact, been discovered by the time those words were published. It was located in relatively shallow water three years ago by a kibbutz member and examined by antiquities department archaeologist Shelly Wachsman. But the lack of funds prevented excavations from getting underway until this fall.

Six weeks of underwater excavation have uncovered only part of the 10-metre ship and its cargo. "We are only at the beginning of the excavation with about four years of excavations ahead of us," said Linder. "If this is what we hope it is, it will contribute not only to our knowledge of the development of ancient ship construction, but also to our understanding of maritime trade and navigation of this period."

The wood of the ship was found to be in an excellent state of preservation. "The more we dug, the more we were surprised at the wonderful preservation of the timber," Linder said. "It is almost like new." From the clear markings on the timbers, it can even be determined what sort of tools were used in shaping them.

Some of the pottery by which the boat was dated resembles Cypriot ware, but some of it indicates a more western origin. "It could be connected to the Carthaginian world, but it's too early to tell," Linder said. "The find is so exciting, I'm sure we will come up with more interesting things as we continue."

A cargo from Carthage dating from the 4th century BCE was found some years ago off Shavei Zion in the north, but the ship that had carried it had long since been taken by the sea. That cargo included some 300 cultic figurines.

The excavators at Ma'agan Michael have not yet reached the main cargo and it is not yet clear whether the finds already uncovered were part of the cargo or used on the ship itself by the crew. The central part of the ship was found to be covered with a thick layer of ballast stones, some clearly not of local origin.

The finds included ritual objects, such as those used by sailors to propitiate the gods, as well as items made of organic material in relatively good condition including rope and baskets woven from twigs.

The wreck has been reburied in deep sand in order to prevent damage by nature or man before excavations resume next spring.

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Helped bring end to British rule of Palestine

Acre prison breakout came at important time

By
SUSAN BASS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — May 4 marks the 41st anniversary of one of the most dramatic events in the struggle against British Mandatory rule in Eretz Yisrael — the Acre prison breakout in which 41 Irgun members and 251 other inmates escaped.

At 4 in the afternoon on May 4, 1947, a commando unit of IZL (Irgun Zvai Leumi, National Military Organization) attacked the British prison housed inside the massive Acre citadel and freed 251 prisoners — 131 Arabs and 120 Jews. Contemporary newspapers described the assault as "the greatest jailbreak in history," while British defence experts described it as a "military masterpiece."

The attack came in the wake of the British executions of four Jewish freedom fighters at the prison, members of IZL. The British authorities carried out these executions in virtual secrecy, without notifying even the families of the executed men.

On April 15, 1947 they imposed a suidden curfew throughout the country, and surrounded the fortress at Acre with troops and armored vehicles. In the predawn hours of April 16, Dov Gruner, Dov Rosenbaum, Mordecai Alkoshi and Eliezer Kashani were taken from their cells and executed by hanging on the prison gallows. They went to their death singing Hatikvah.

One week after the executions in Acre, the British authorities prepared to hang two Jewish prisoners held in Jerusalem: Meir Feinstein, a member of IZL, and Moshe Barazani, a member of Lehi (Lohamei Herut Israel, Freedom Fighters for Israel). At the last moment, these two young men committed suicide by exploding a hand grenade which had been smuggled into their cell.

In the wake of these executions, the Irgun decided to carry out a daring operation to free Jewish prisoners held by the British in the fortress at Acre. IZL prepared for the assault with a careful reconnaissance of the fortress and its surroundings. As former IZL leader Menachem Begin wrote in his account of the attack, "sometimes the reconnoiter appeared to be 'Arab,' sometimes 'British' . . . But always they were Irgun fighters."

Originally built by the Crusaders, and later restored by the Turks, the citadel in Acre had withstood a seige by Napoleon Bonaparte's artillery. With 2-metre thick walls, surrounded by British army camps and encircled by British troops, the citadel was considered to be an impregnable bastion. For this reason, the British Mandatory government had no qualms in using the citadel as one of Palestine's two central prisons.

IZL was in close contact with its members imprisoned in the fortress, who were constantly alert, preparing to take an active part in their liberation. A small quantity of explosives had been smuggled into them and when the attack began, they blew up from within the two heavy iron gates that separated them from the assault group.

Dov Cohen, who used the code name Shimshon, headed the assault force. During World War II, Cohen had served with distinction in the commando units of the British army. On the afternoon of May 4, dressed in a British captain's uniform, Cohen commanded what appeared to be a British army convoy travelling north towards Beirut. As the convoy passed British soldiers heading south, they exchanged smiles of greeting and waved.

When the convoy reached Acre, small groups dispersed in all directions. 27 Irgun members — including two women — participated in the assault. The commandos planted mines and shelled nearby army camps, both to create a diversion and to prevent reinforcements from reaching the citadel.

The main assault group approached the southern wall of the fortress. Climbing on the roof of an adjoining Turkish bathhouse, they attached explosives to the citadel wall. The explosion created a breach in the 2-metre thick wall, large enough for the prisoners to escape. Irgun commandos fired at British guard towers in order to secure the exit of the escaping prisoners and their approach to waiting vehicles. Forty-one members of IZL and Lehi escaped. Eitan Livi recounts that they travelled in waiting trucks for an hour and a half, then walked all night. In early morning they arrived in Benyamina, 35 kilometres south of Haifa.

Two unforeseen circumstances seriously marred the Irgun's victory in this operation. Earlier in the day, a group of British soldiers and police had gone swimming south of Acre, carrying their weapons with them. When they heard the explosion, they rushed to the main road and set up a road block inside the security belt of Irgun posts with which the commandos had encircled the citadel.

Furthermore, the fighters at one of the IZL forward posts did not receive the signal to board their truck, and they remained encircled by British troops.

As a result, Irgun forces suffered numerous casualties. Ten members of the assault force — including commando Dov Cohen — were killed, as were five escaping prisoners. Several of the men who died of their wounds could have been saved if the British authorities had allowed them to receive medical aid. But the British forces left the wounded men to bleed for six hours on the floor of the Acre Police Station before a doctor arrived to treat them. There were no British casualties.

Three of the captured commandos were brought before the Military Court in Jerusalem. On June 16 — the same day that the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine began its work — the court sentenced these men to execution by hanging. In the pre-dawn hours of July 23, the British authorities in Acre Prison carried out this sentence. The next day the Irgun — which had given the authorities prior warning — hanged two kidnapped British sergeants in retaliation.

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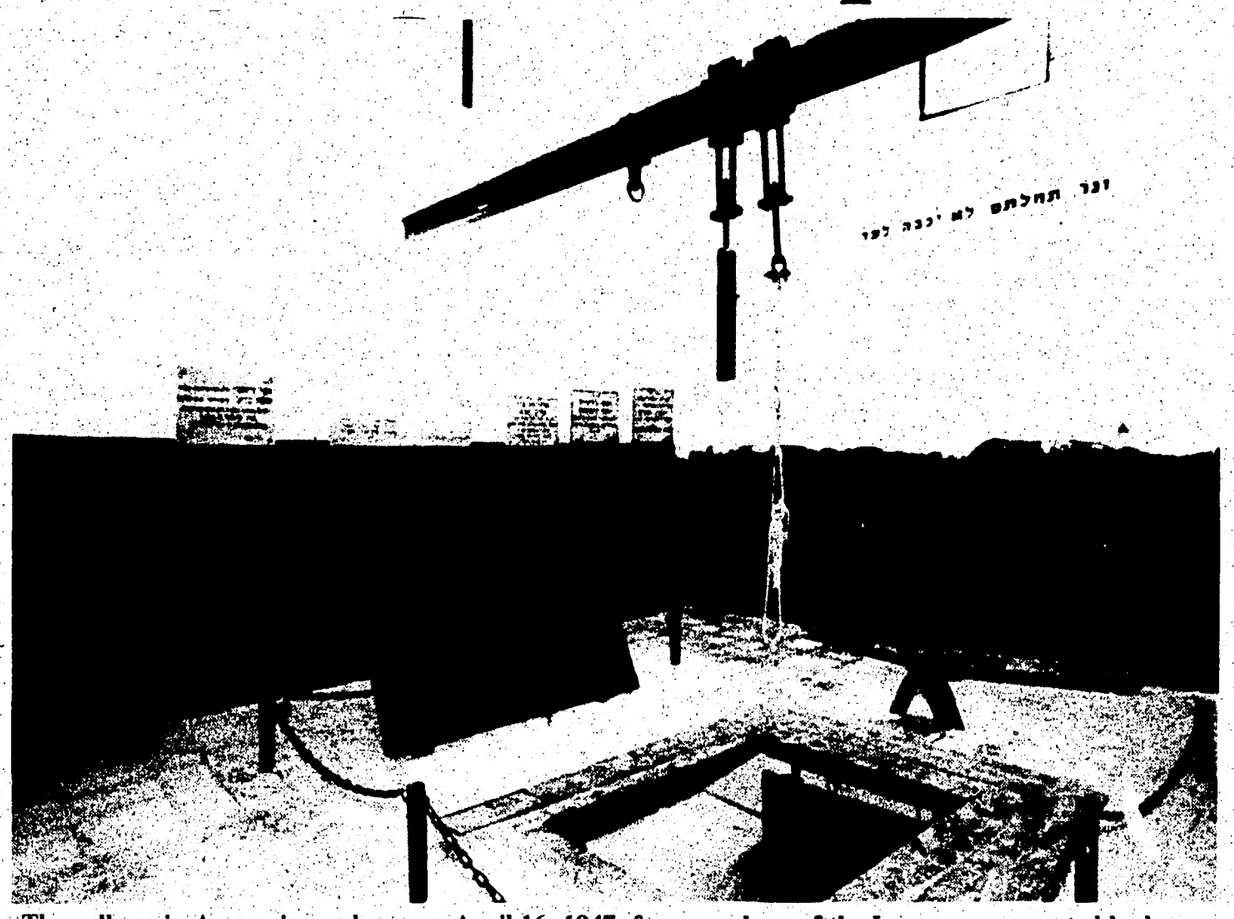
The assault on the citadel of Acre probably did as much as any other single event to bring an end to British Mandatory rule in Palestine. The British had hoped that by hanging Dov Gruner and his comrades, on the eve of a special session of the United Nations which met to discuss the question of Palestine, they would demonstrate to the world Britain's control of the country.

But the attack at Acre raised serious questions about Britain's ability to govern Palestine. These questions echoed in the halls of the UN, and in Britain the public demanded that their government get out of Palestine.



The gallows in Acre prison where, on April 16, 1947, four members of the Irgun were executed by hanging. The Hebrew inscription on the wall reads, "The flame of their memory will never be extinguished."

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More Jews predicted in city

Significant changes seen in Jerusalem

By
ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — When the new millenium dawns over Jerusalem in 11 years significant changes will be apparent in the city and its environs.

The Jewish population will have regained its demographic slippage relative to the Arab population, the percentage of haredim (ultra-Orthodox) within the Jewish population will have increased from some 20% to about 27%; and the picturesque Arab villages surrounding the city, mostly on the West Bank, will have merged into a tight urban ring.

These projections emerged from a recent symposium at the Van Leer Institute on Jerusalem's Arabs, co-sponsored by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and the Israel Oriental Society.

City planner Yisrael Kimche noted that built-up Arab sections in the Jerusalem metropolitan region, including the Hebron and Ramallah areas, increased between 1967 and 1984 by 145%, while the population growth in these areas was only 27%.

This extraordinary growth was due, he said, to an increase in living standards which permitted residents to build larger homes, and due to "political building" aimed at heading off possible land expropriation by creating facts on the ground.

New building tends to spread out from the traditional nuclei of Arab villages along adjacent roads. "Where you were able in the past to drive through open country, you now find yourself driving through built-up areas," said Kimche. "Picturesque villages are becoming suburbs and the villages are joining up with each other." The rural population of the metropolitan area is also becoming urbanized, he said, as residents abandon farming for other employment, much of it in Jerusalem.

"Everyone is focused on Jerusalem and not enough attention is being paid on what's happening 10 metres from the municipal border," he said. In A-Ram, abutting the city's northern border, a population of 1,400 in 1967 has grown in two decades to more than 2,000.

The new pattern of suburban sprawl in the rural Arab sector will be very difficult to service in terms of sewage, roads, and other infrastructure, Kimche noted. If there are indeed peace bells tolling in the distance, he suggested, the physical layout of the Jerusalem metropolitan area — the heart of the Israeli-Arab dispute — will become a significant factor.

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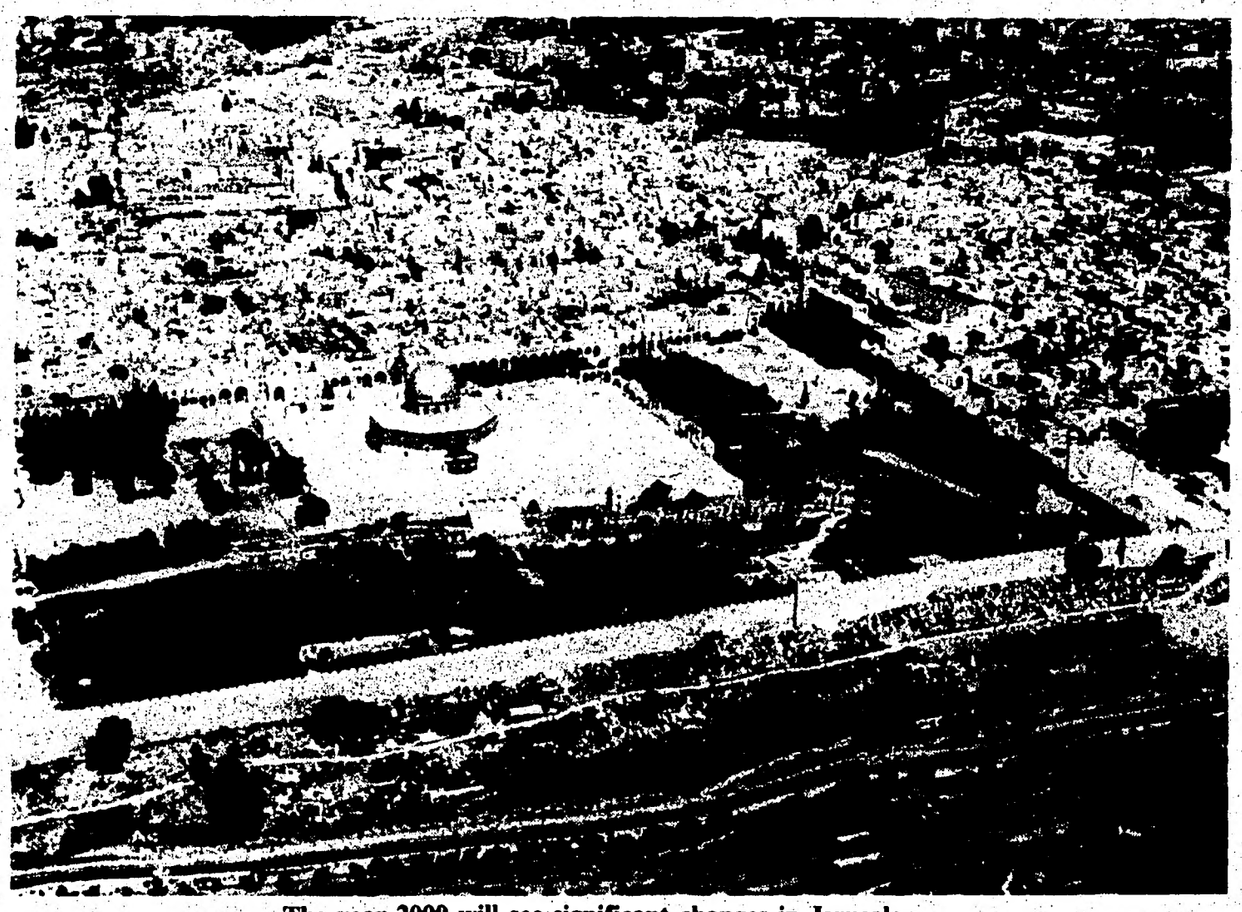
Significant, too, will be the Jewish-Arab population ratio within Jerusalem itself. The Jewish percentage, a hearty 73.5% following the Six Day War, began to give way before the Arab birth rate, sliding to 71.5% within a few years. However, demographer Uziel Schmelz of Hebrew University noted that the slide has been halted in recent years by a remarkable turnabout in both Arab and Jewish birth figures in Jerusalem.



The year 2000 will see significant changes in Jerusalem.

The nationwide birth rate for Jews in the early 1970s, 24 per 1,000 population, has declined over the years to 21. In Jerusalem, however, the Jewish birthrate was higher than the nationwide figure in the 1970s, 28, and instead of declining has even risen slightly, to 29. The principal reason is the large religious population in the city, both haredi and non-haredi.

The birth rate for non-Jews in Jerusalem — a category now 90% Moslem Arabs — was considerably higher than the Jewish figure after the Six Day War, peaking at 44 per 1,000. After two decades of exposure to Israeli society and Western influences, this figure has gone down to 28, slightly lower than the Jewish birth rate in the city.

Among Israeli Moslems, the average woman as recently as 1970 had nine children, an average that included women who had no children at all. In less than two decades, that figure has been nearly halved, dropping to 4.6 children.

"There was a generational change," says Schmelz. The young Arab couples beginning to have children in the 1970s had been raised following Israel's establishment, and Arab women were receiving far more education than ever before.

On the West Bank, there has been virtually no change in the high birth rate but this is somewhat offset, notes Schmelz, by emigration.

Within a few months, he predicted, Jerusalem will reach the 500,000 population level — a growth of more than 80% since 1967. By the turn of the century, the forecasted population will be about 650,000. The percentage of Jews, Schmelz estimates, will have returned by then to what it was in 1967.

The percentage of haredim, however, will be higher. Schmelz says that in 1983 residents of haredi neighborhoods constituted 21% of Jerusalem's Jewish population. By the year 2000, he says, that figure will probably be 27%. (According to other quasi-official calculations, haredim are already 27% of the Jewish population in Jerusalem.)

The non-Jewish population within the Old City has remained the same for the past two decades, around 23,000. During this period, some 3,000 Jews have moved into the Jewish Quarter.

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Tracing family tree helps strengthen Jewish identity

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The Jewish Family Heritage Association is helping thousands of Jews around the world to trace their family tree.

In helping so many Jews — both young and old — to dig more deeply into their roots, the Association is strengthening their personal identity and fostering a deeper understanding of religious traditions, and the tragedies and triumphs of Jewish history.

Founded 10 years ago, the Jewish Family Heritage Association is essentially an educational organization, whose main aim is to show the centrality of the family in Jewish continuity.

Both in Israel and the Disapora, the Association works through schools, youth clubs, community centres, senior citizens homes and welfare organizations. Relying on volunteer teachers and workers, curricula are compiled for specific age and ethnic groups.

Yehuda Ben David, director of the Association, sees the bar mitzvah, particularly in the Disapora, as an ideal time for both children and parents to participate in a heritage course.

"Unfortunately, a bar mitzvah in the Diaspora," he says, means a big party, where what counts for the boy is the amount of checks he receives. Often his Hebrew is too poor to understand the portion he reads from the Torah."

The Association has compiled curricula suitable for bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah boys and girls in the Diaspora and their parents. Volunteers are brought to Israel and instructed on how to teach the course, which includes information on Jewish history and the religious traditions of different communities.

Most importantly, participants are asked to research their own family history. The course tells them how to set about this. Methods include interviewing elderly family members, looking in the fly leaves of old prayer books, visiting cemeteries, checking attics for archives.

Most youngsters manage to trace back at least four generations just by talking to their grandparents, who often remember their own grandparents. Others can go back 15 or even 30 generations, because precise family records have been kept.

Volunteers from the senior citizens of a community are often asked to lecture to youngsters about their background and childhood. There can be no more gripping experience for a Jewish youngster than having an articulate elderly person recall stories of pogroms, or life under the Nazis, or the cultural richness of "shtetl" life.

Established by Yehuda Ben David and Prof. Yitzhak Halbrecht, the Association is a registered charity funded by the money it raises. It also receives a budget from the Jewish Agency and in the Diaspora works with the World Zionist Organization. The Association runs courses in 19 European countries, six behind the Iron Curtain, as well as North America, Latin America, Australia and South Africa.

The Association coordinates activities with the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, which has a computerized Jewish family data bank. Thus all participants in programs are asked to fill out questionnaires and submit information about their families to the Diaspora Museum.

Within Israel, too, the Association is very active. Courses are taught in schools and community centres through close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and local councils. These curricula play an important role in emphasizing Israel's link with the Diaspora.

"If you look hard enough," Ben David says, "everybody has someone eminent hidden away in their extended family."

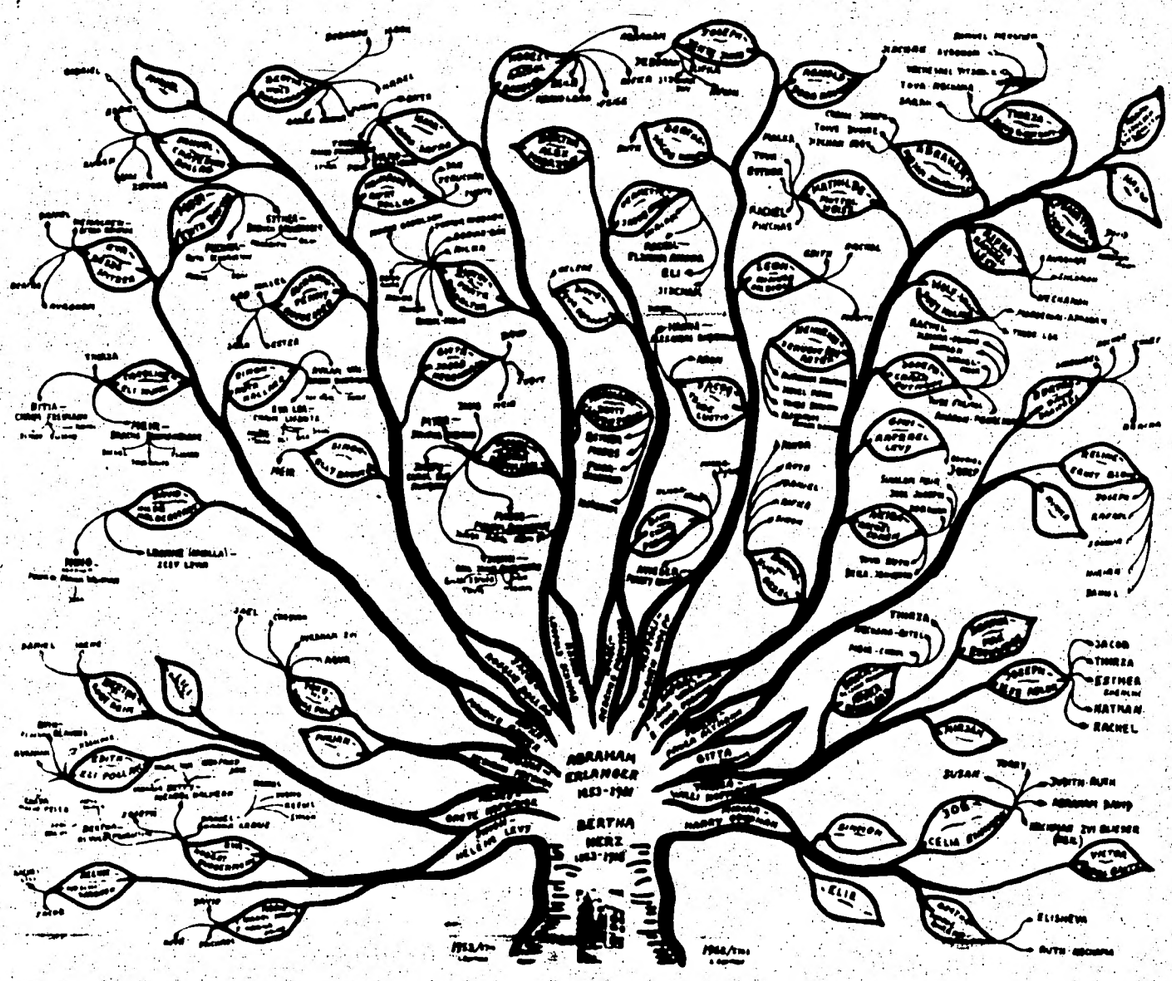
With this in mind, the Association is negotiating with the Israel Prisons Service, to give a course to prisoners.

"An enormously high percentage of convicts," he says, "have parents who were also criminals. This strongly affects their own self-image and worth, and often leads them into a life of crime too. If they were to look into their family roots, I am sure they would find something from which they could draw pride."

Ben-David's philosophy is simply that heightened Jewish awareness is a good thing. Appreciation of Jewish history and Judaic values can instil pride in one's heritage, and perhaps even succeed in combatting assimilation.

For some participants, the Association's courses are the first time they have confronted episodes like the Holocaust.

"Above all else the Association stresses the warmth of Jewish life as experienced in the home," he asserts. "Ultimately we judge our success by the vast number of participants who follow up the course by researching into other aspects of Jewish culture."



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The deceased wasn't really late

Myriad of expressions make death sound less final

By
MARCEL STRIGBERGER

I recently met an insurance broker as I was on the market for life insurance. It's not that I expect imminently to go. It was simply just in case. I couldn't make up my mind there and then about the merits of his wares and I asked the man to call me back the following Tuesday. The broker responded, "What if something should happen to you meanwhile?" I didn't catch on.

I queried, "What might happen between Thursday and next Tuesday?" I have been known to be a skeptic you know. The broker replied, "You never know, something might happen."

As he was in the business after all of selling life insurance I found it rather strange that he wouldn't come out and simply say "What if you were to drop dead." Put this way it probably would have made me think.

Even if I would not have grabbed the life insurance that Thursday at least I would have been extra careful over the weekend. I would have avoided potentially hazardous adventures such as mountain climbing, skydiving or eating in strange restaurants.

Somehow the expression "something happens" doesn't sound as terminal as death. I can live with that expression. I simply cannot see the media using that expression to connote death. How would readers react if a newspaper obituary column would have a listing, "George Langley, 73 years of age. At the Riverview Hospital. Something happened to him."

I for one would be a bit concerned about poor George and rather curious as to what happened to him. Other readers might even call the hospital to see whether George was alright and whether they could help.

Now if for example the listing was to go on to talk about where and when the funeral will take place, it would confirm our worst suspicions.

Then again even if we were to call the funeral parlor and ask about George Langley, they would simply tell us that Mr. Langley is "resting" there. This is a fair statement, I guess, as poor George would need all the rest he could get in view of the long trip ahead of him across the Stygian to the next world, assuming of course that there is life after something happens.

But there are a myriad of similar expressions which make death sound less decisive or at least final.

Sometimes a person is said to expire. Like a Visa card. Expires September of 1989. That's not as bad as it sounds. Chances are you'll get a new card in the mail in August which will tide you over until September of 1990. I for one would certainly choose expiry over death in the hope of ultimately having my stay on earth extended, even if only two years at a time.

Most of the other expressions fall similarly into the category of words or phrases tending to show that the deceased is no more. We will hear that George Langley (we may as well still use George and not waste anyone else) has passed on, or has departed. This trip may sometimes convert him into a chattel as people might say that they have lost George.

This latter term however once again connotes some measure of hope of recovery or return as when something is lost, there is always the lost and found office. It may only be a small chance but a lost George is more likely to be found sitting amongst the purses and umbrellas than a defunct George.

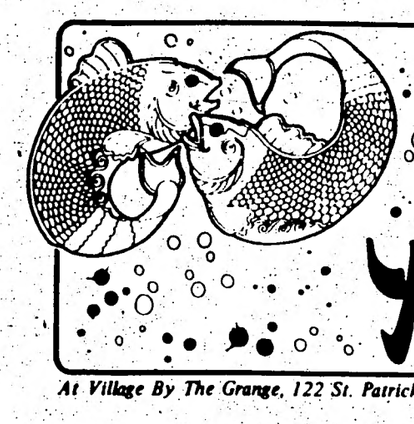
And speaking of chances what happens to a man if his number is up? This term is ideal for lottery players and fatalists. He doesn't die, his number is just up. It's as if there's some angel of death in the netherworld turning a huge drum and pulling out people's social insurance numbers.

Children also have no fears of calling a spade a spade. Whenever they play military type games they have no hesitation to shout, "Bang bang, you're dead." I would add however that when I used to play these games as a kid growing up in Montreal with my French Canadian friends, whenever I was morally wounded in combat they'd usually shout, "Bang, bang, Bonjour." Like love, everything else sounds better in French.

And once someone, say George again, does pop off (I can live with that one too), he is known as the "late" George. This expression adds insult to injury, or rather to death, especially if ascribed to an individual who was usually punctual all his life, before he kicked the bucket.

Once he's gone belly up there's no sense calling the individual late. Late people still do show up but George isn't coming back unless he's got the strange powers of Dallas' Bobby Ewing.

On the brighter side of things at least there's overwhelming proof that there is life after death. If there wasn't, people would never go around saying that George has gone to meet his maker.



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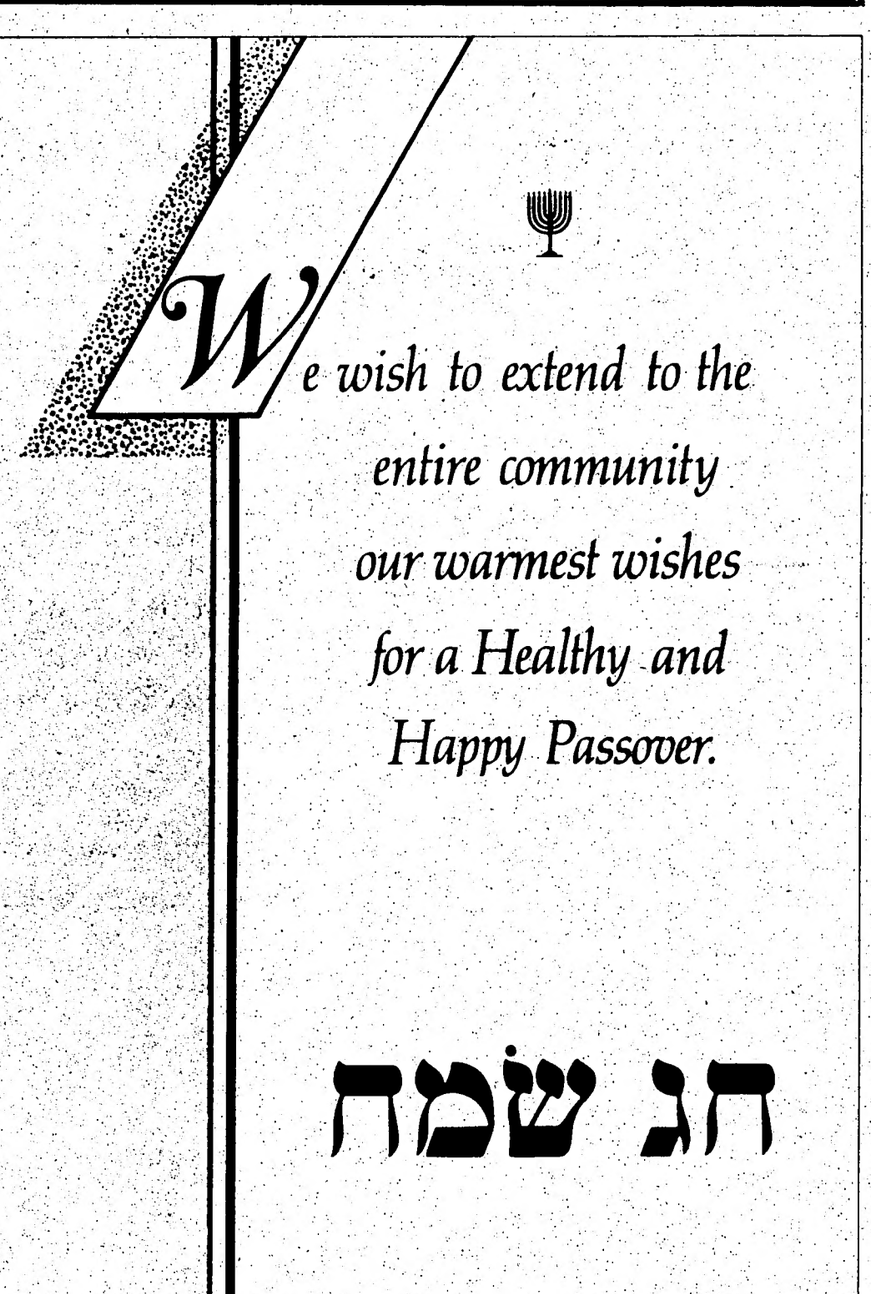

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"Hitman from Estevan" looks back at youth

The Hitman from Estevan, Barney Krivel, reminisces in these excerpts from his planned book about his experiences of anti-semitism growing up on the prairies in the 1920s and the dirty 30s. Krivel, who went on to become a championship curler, representing Estevan, Sask., in the Brier 18 times, later moved to Toronto, where he managed Casa Loma, one of the city's prime tourist attractions. He is now retired.

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Barney Krivel

The Krivel brothers were not alone in combatting anti-semitism; there were other Jewish families in Saskatchewan who had the same view and lived the life that we did, namely Bill, Lou and Abe Libby, and Harry Viner, Mayor of Medicine Hat for many years, who is somewhat of a living legend. The Winnipeg boys, namely Sammy and Charlie Krupp, and other YMHA athletes were also tough guys when it came to combatting anti-semitic remarks and acts.

The situation got so bad that inter-racial games were disbanded in Manitoba as a result of riots and fighting that took place. I recall the junior playdowns in Regina between the Regina Rams and the Winnipeg YMHA which ended in a riot.

In high school, when I first encountered an undercurrent of resentment against Jews, we made a rule at our dinner table, between my two brothers, Mickey and Saul and myself, that if any remarks were made we would size up the culprit as to weight and age, and whatever category he fell into the Krivel brothers nearest in size would take on the culprit. It seemed that the majority seemed to be in my category.

I was very capable of defending myself, as I had learned to fight from my father who was at one time the welterweight boxing champ of New Jersey. We were not brought up to be militant, but we were always prepared to defend ourselves.

One incident I recall involved a Jewish second-hand dealer who made a sale that was resented by another dealer in town. In the course of conversation the Gentile dealer picked up a piece of iron and struck Sam Kohn which resulted in quite a few stitches.

Worked up reputation

This category fell in the lap of my brother Mickey who proceeded down to the other gentleman's place of business. Nothing physical was necessary, because when he walked in and brought up the subject, the other gentleman, naturally being worried about being worked over, came back and apologized to Kohn.

We also provided a bit of protection to a couple of fish peddlers who came to town and who were constantly being picked on. When we would find out who the culprits were we would go down and have it out again.

We had worked up a reputation, where people just didn't want any physical involvement with us. Some of the younger boys at the time used to call the three of us the "Irgun Zvai Leumi," or the "hitmen."

About this time the Krivel family went into the hotel business.

In Estevan there was what we called the German-Canadian Club. Five or six of them decided one evening to visit our hotel and wreck the Jews' place.

We had no trouble handling them but later I was warned by the police to refrain from taking on a certain member of the club that I accosted on the street and worked over a little bit — maybe more than a little bit. This incident created quite a stir in town.

One afternoon a friend of mine came in and said three well-known anti-semitic brothers were liquored up, and they intended coming over to wreck our place. So, at that time, there was just Mickey and myself, I stood by the door and Mickey stood in the centre of the beer parlor.

We were positioned this way because we always listened to our father, who used to say "hit first, then they can't talk afterwards." There is not much they can say down on the floor and unconscious.

The door opened and I nailed the first one who came through and he went down like a ton of bricks. In the meantime Mickey threw one over the table top and hit the third one with a good right hand.

Now I have to tell you a little bit about Mickey. He was a man who could chin himself twice with one hand. He wore an 18½-inch collar, and you couldn't put your hand around his wrists. At times we were worried that, God forbid, he could kill someone.

Anyway it didn't take us long to throw the three of them out. The next morning while walking to work, we walked by the photography studio owned by one of the brothers and I remarked to Mickey that "I can't understand where they get the idea they can come into our place of business to create these problems and wreck our furniture. "Why doesn't it apply to their place of business?"

Mickey said, "Well, I guess the only solution is to let's go in and reciprocate," so we immediately walked in.

We had a few words with the brother and his wife, and we could see in his eyes that he was quite worried, but that didn't deter us from going to work. We tipped the counters, smashed a few frames, took his cash register and threw it on the floor and walked out.

There was never a thing done or a complaint laid by the owners of the studio to the police, and as far as the police in Estevan were concerned it was considered a joke, because they took such delight in the two of us going in there and changing things around a bit.

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Foreign volunteers relish work on defence force bases

By
EFRAT SHVILY

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — At a base "somewhere in Israel," an American and a Russian are sitting on a tank and taking its engine apart; a young pianist is smearing his fingers with tank grease; and a senior citizen is studying tank parts.

The American, the Russian, the young and the old, all foreigners, first met when they joined Sar-el, the program of volunteers for the Israel Defence Forces.

Aimed at providing the IDF with extra manpower and forging personal contacts between soldiers and foreign volunteers, Sar-el enabled Debora Kaskel, 22, Charles Albertson, 23, Bob Kaufman, 70, all from New York, and Lilya Gradus, 29, from Moscow, together with 28 other volunteers from various other countries, to serve on the base.

Since 1982 when the program was first established by Col. (Res.) Aharon Davidi, 15,500 volunteers from the U.S., Europe, South America and South Africa have come to help at Israeli military bases for three weeks at a time, doing mechanical work and routine army chores. Some 900 have since come to live in Israel, and 800 have made their volunteering trips an annual routine.

The military life means adventure and excitement to Saul Barr, a 58-year-old mechanic who describes his life in New York as "terribly ordinary." Barr is sorry that Sar-el volunteers are allowed to serve only on rear bases and not in the territories. "Danger would have made it all much more delicious," he says.

While at work on the tanks and in the kitchens, volunteers are all in uniform. A blue tag attached to their shirts says they are "volunteer citizens."

Ro Lebedow, a 49-year-old real estate agent from Chicago, not only loves the uniform, she even had a military haircut at the base barbershop. She doesn't quite look like a soldier, though, perhaps because of her grey hair, her make-up and her gold earrings. But looks aside, Lebedow is treated "almost" like a soldier, says her commander.

Although the army could probably manage without them, the fact that foreign volunteers replace soldiers and free them to do other jobs is well appreciated by the commander and soldiers and regarded as highly motivating by the volunteers themselves.

"When I work in the kitchen, a soldier is free to do other things," says Shoshana Ada, 24, who has been replacing an anonymous dish-washing soldier for the past year and a half.

Sar-el volunteers are sometimes not Jewish at all, Sar-el coordinator Michael Alush tells us. Donald "Mike" O'Callahan, former governor of Nevada, is an Irish Catholic who has been to the army base six times. "He simply loves Israel," says Alush.

The visit record belongs, however, to Bob Kaufman, a retired New Yorker who is now back at the base for the sixteenth time. "Soldiers come and soldiers go, but I'm always here," says Kaufman who has already been witness to three soldier turnovers at the tank parts' storage room where he works.

After spending time with the soldiers and getting to know them, volunteers say they cannot believe the stories they hear about soldiers "misbehaving" in the territories. "It is highly important that soldiers and Israelis see us here with them at a period of difficulty and isolation," says Ro Lebedow.

And the food? "The food is not important," she says — and finds the bean soup "delicious."

Lebedow and her friends were not so tolerant when they first "landed on this planet," paying their own airfare but provided with free room and board. "They brought us to our freezing cold rooms, gave us military food, and all I could do for the first night was ask myself what the hell I was doing here," says American Ginette Hersh, a 61-year-old bookkeeper.

The day after, she saw a tank passing by and remembered that the base was not exactly a summer camp.

Although Sar-el does not define itself as an aliya oriented organization, a large number of the volunteers say they are, in fact, considering aliya. "Everything is possible," says South African student Bernard Decumbes, 21, who, in either South Africa or Israel, would have to undergo compulsory military service.

The older volunteers would rather go on combining life at home with occasional volunteering trips. "I rather like my life in Chicago, my friends, family and new apartment," Lebedow apologizes.

But all agree they would like to return to the base to do their "reserve duty." And soon.

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